



# **Charting the Course to 2025: Citizen Input**

**York County Comprehensive Plan Review  
Steering Committee & Communications  
and Outreach Group**

**March 2, 2005**

# ***Citizen Input***

- **Neighborhood Open Houses**
- **Questionnaires**
- **Telephone survey**
- **Written comments (letters and email)**

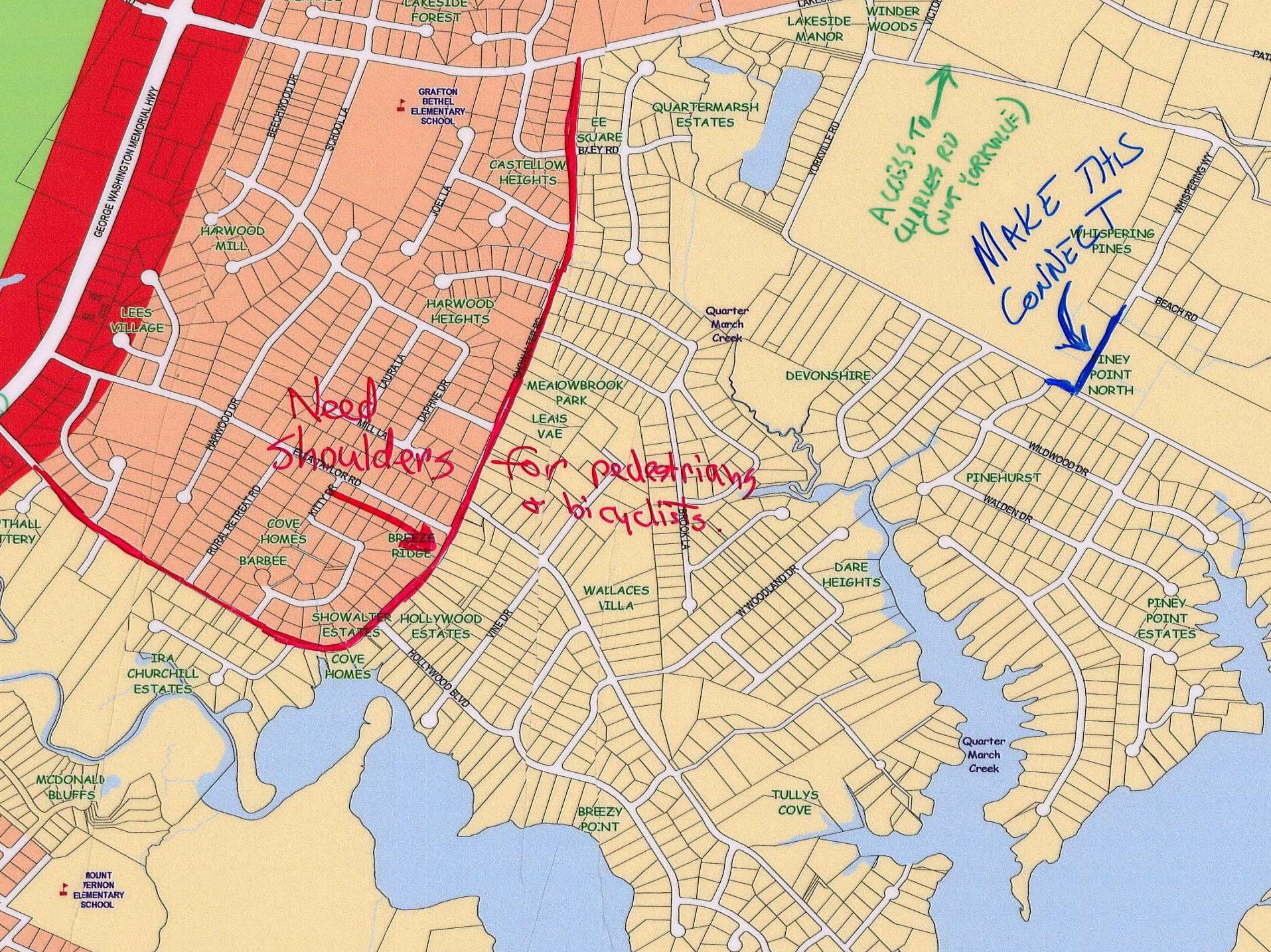
# *Neighborhood Open Houses*

- 15 locations all over the County
- Publicity
  - ◆ COG
  - ◆ Ads and articles in all 3 newspapers
  - ◆ Citizen News, Channel 46, web site
- 215 attendees (Range: 3 to 67)
  - ◆ 206 from York County
  - ◆ 8 from James City County
  - ◆ 1 from Newport News

# *Open House Comments*

- Questionnaires
- Written comments
- Map comments
- Oral comments





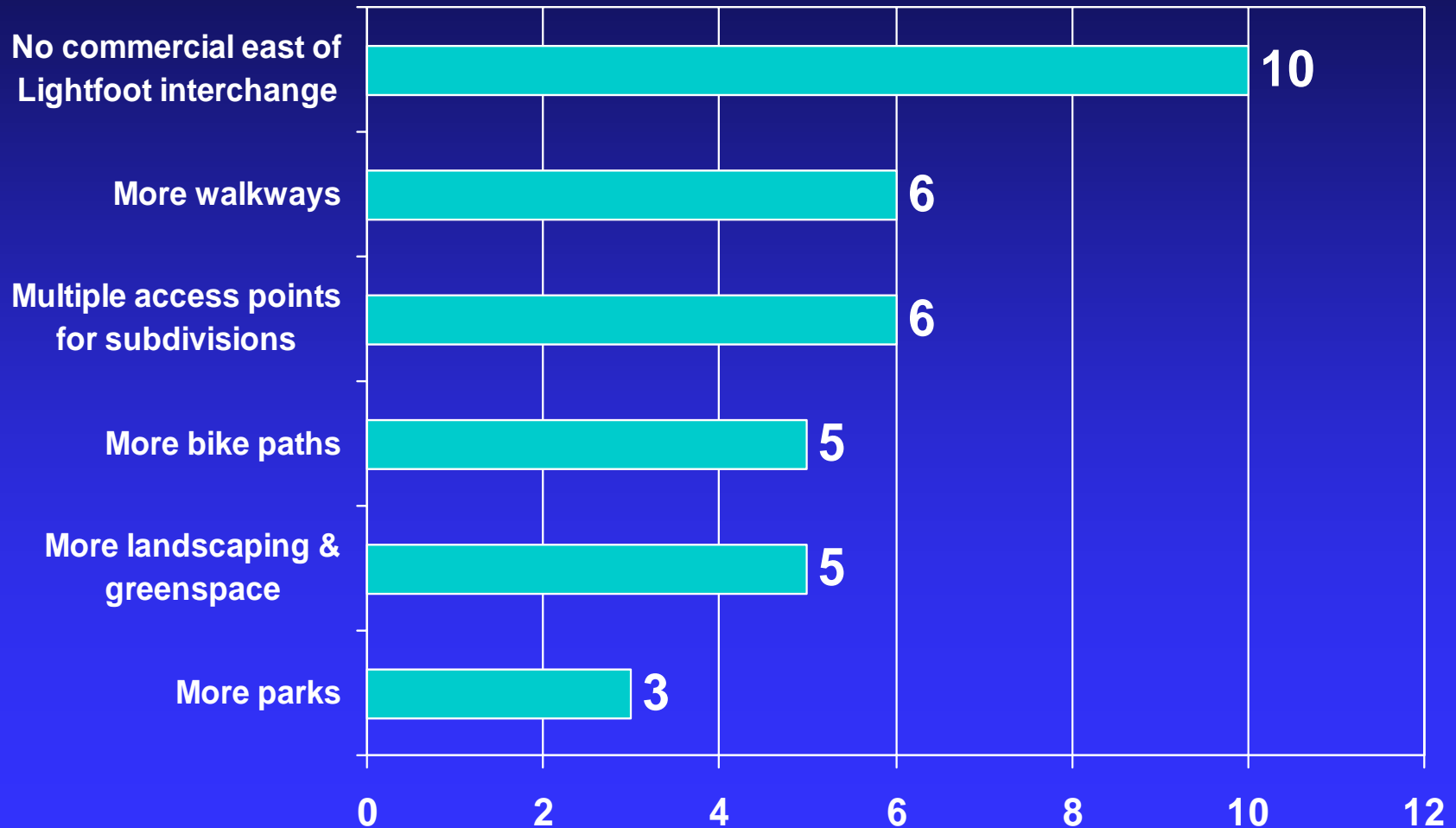
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Shoulders  
for pedestrians  
& bicyclists

ACCESS TO  
CHARLES RD  
(NOT YORKVILLE)

MAKE THIS  
CONNECT



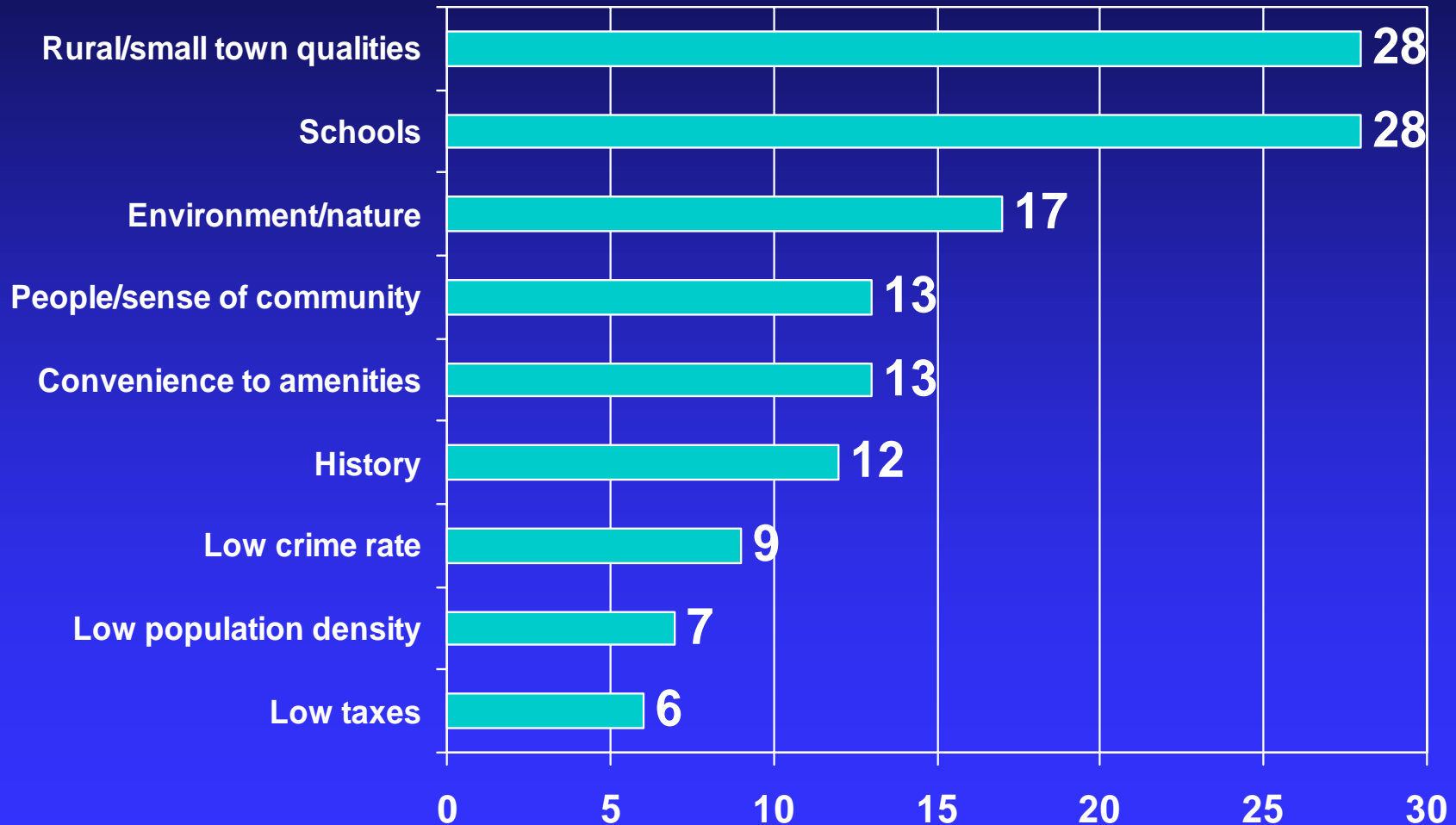
# ***94 different comments were received at the Neighborhood Open Houses***



# Questionnaire Responses

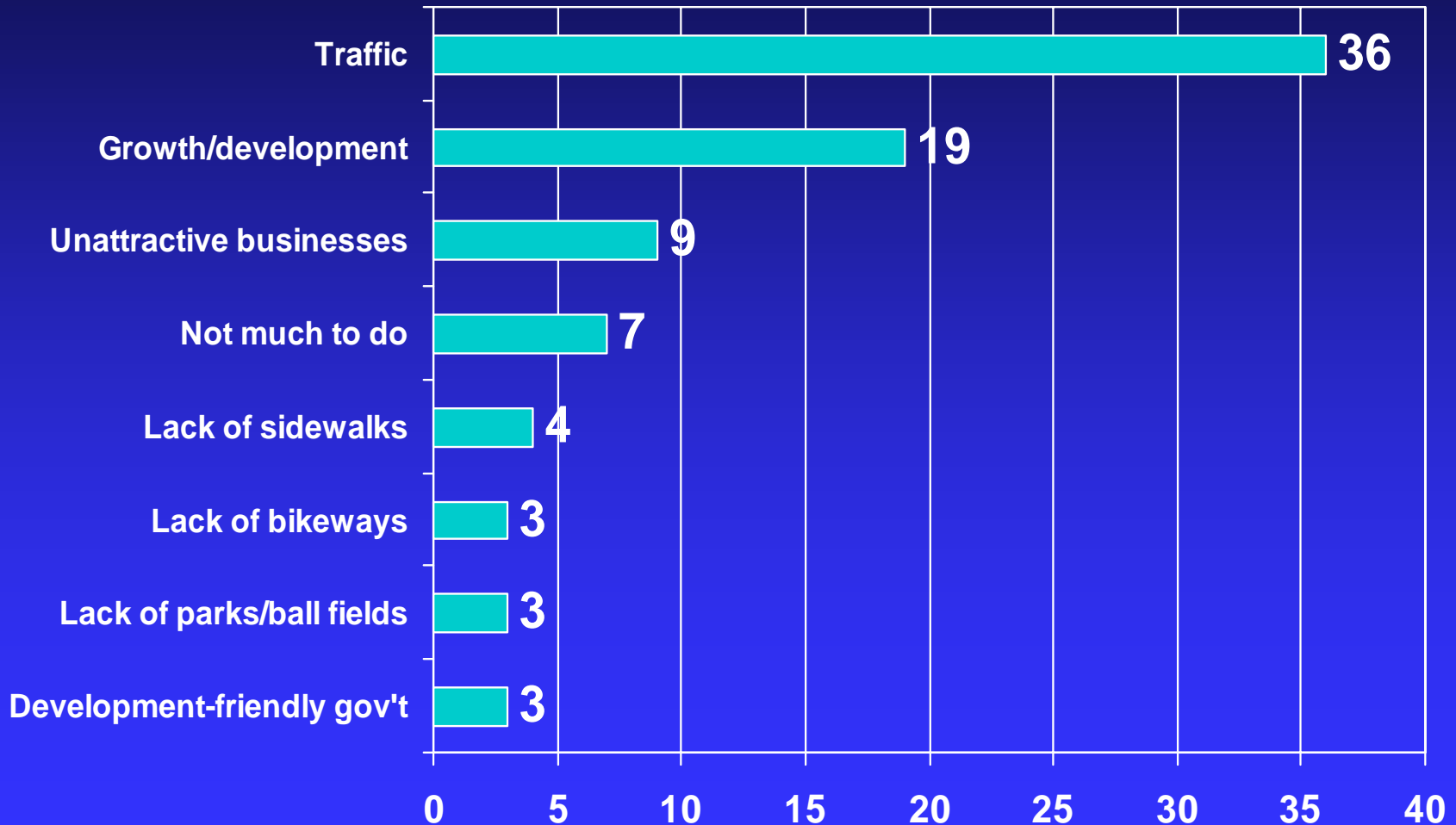
- 96 responses
  - ◆ 54 paper
  - ◆ 42 electronic
- Location:
  - ◆ Upper County – 19%
  - ◆ Grafton – 14%
  - ◆ Tabb – 7%
  - ◆ Unknown – 53%

# ***What do you like most about living in York County?***





# ***What do you like least about living in York County?***



# *What do you want York County to look like in 20 years?*

- **Green, open space, trees (23)**
- **No growth, less growth (20)**
- **Rural, semi-rural, suburban (11)**
- **More parks (9)**
- **Less traffic (7)**
- **More bike paths (6)**
- **More walking trails, sidewalks (6)**

# *What do you want York County to look like in 20 years?*

- “Much like it is today. Very limited growth with only aesthetic pleasing buildings and businesses.”
- “Protecting the current quality of life is essential. Increasing green space, walking trails/paths. Bike paths are important, as are design standards for businesses. Assuring public access to the water would also be good.”

# ***What do you want York County to look like in 20 years?***

- **“A comfortable, safe, economically viable community, with affordable housing for all income levels, affordable care for Seniors. Less dependent on tourism. Become part of the larger Hampton Roads picture.”**
- **“Some growth yet retaining as much natural area around each development - small middle class family home pockets built by developers/quality workmanship ... Neither \$500,000 nor HUD housing.”**



# ***What do you want York County to look like in 20 years?***

- **“A modern community with development that engenders small town sense of connectedness. Hubs of commerce that retain individual characteristics and give a feeling of each area as separate and unique, as facets of a gem. Don't want to see development just built up along the highway but create communities that have their own personalities. Each a destination worth going to.”**

## *Examples of attractive development:*

- Running Man (8)
- Tabb Library (6)
- Yorktown (6)
- Kiln Creek (5)
- Rt. 199 from I-64 to Mooretown Rd (5)
- YMCA (5)
- The Greenlands (4)

# ***Examples of unattractive development:***

- **Route 17 (34):**
  - ◆ **Empty stores and shopping centers (10)**
  - ◆ **Abandoned gas stations (9)**
  - ◆ **Junkyards (8)**
  - ◆ **Lack of uniform design standards (1)**
- **Great Wolf Lodge (3)**
- **Subdivisions w/ houses too close together (2)**
- **Presidents Park (2)**
- **Belmont Apartments (2)**
- **Big box retail (2)**

# ***What types of businesses should be encouraged?***

- **38% - No comment**
- **15% - No or adequate**
- **Suggestions to encourage:**
  - ◆ **Sit-down restaurants – Not fast food (13)**
  - ◆ **Grocery stores (9)**
  - ◆ **Shopping mall, department stores (3)**
  - ◆ **High-tech businesses (2)**



# ***What types of businesses should be encouraged?***

- Other suggestions:
  - ◆ Home improvement store
  - ◆ Furniture store
  - ◆ Light manufacturing
  - ◆ Recreation- and education-related
  - ◆ Camera/hobby stores
  - ◆ Pet shops
  - ◆ Marinas with food service
  - ◆ Retail stores with housing above
  - ◆ Mixed use cemetery/golf course

# ***What types of businesses should be discouraged?***

- **Gas stations (16)**
- **Junkyards (13)**
- **Auto-related uses (13)**
- **Tattoo parlors (6)**
- **Polluters – air, noise, odor, visual (5)**
- **Fast food restaurants (5)**
- **Mini-storage warehouses (5)**

# ***What types of businesses should be discouraged? (cont.)***

- **Adult businesses (4)**
- **Tourist-oriented businesses (4)**
- **Strip malls (4)**
- **Bars, night clubs (3)**
- **Convenience stores (3)**
- **Big box retail (2)**

# ***What new services, programs, or facilities should be provided?***

- **30% - No comment**
- **Recreation facilities/fields (16)**
- **Parks/greenspace (11)**
- **Public transit (8)**
- **Bike paths (7)**
- **Law enforcement/Sheriff's Office (4)**
- **Youth programs/facilities (4)**
- **Public water/sewer (3)**
- **Support schools (3)**



# ***What new services, programs, or facilities should be provided?***

- **Other suggestions:**
  - ◆ **Street lights**
  - ◆ **Upper County offices**
  - ◆ **Recycling centers near apartments**
  - ◆ **Expansion of Newport News Airport**
  - ◆ **Street washing**
  - ◆ **Rentable or public facilities for meetings/receptions, dances, etc.**
  - ◆ **Meals on Wheels service for seniors**

# ***What services, programs, or facilities should be discontinued?***

- 62% - No comment
- 30% - No suggestions
- Suggestions:
  - ◆ Water & sewer extensions
  - ◆ Financial support for CNU cultural arts center
  - ◆ Zweybrucken trips
  - ◆ All-day kindergarten
  - ◆ County support for commercial development in undeveloped areas

# ***What new recreational/cultural facilities would they like to see?***

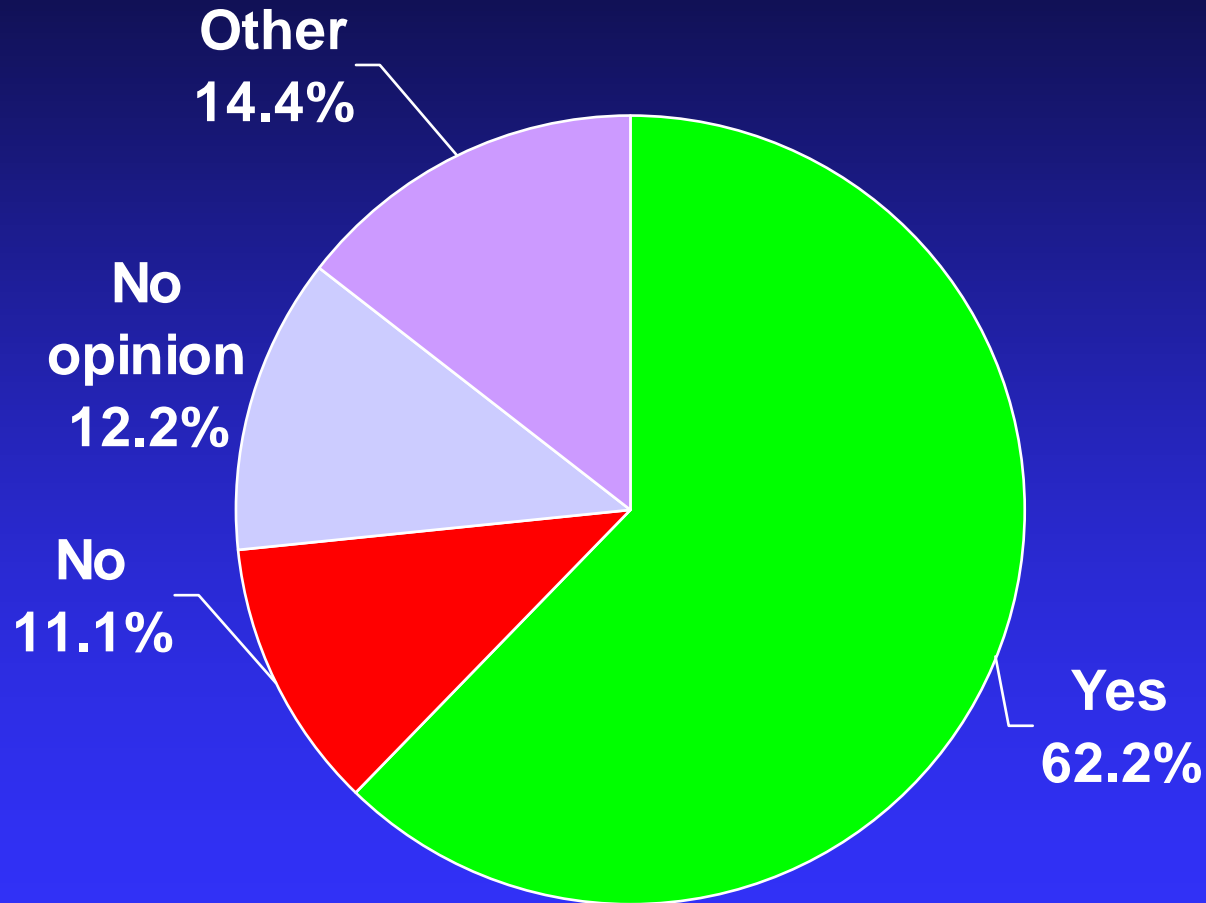
- 40% - None/No comment
- Recreation Center (10)
  - ◆ Upper County (5)
- Theatre, concerts, art shows (9)
  - ◆ Yorktown Riverwalk (5)
- Athletic facilities/fields (6)
- Bike paths (6)
- Youth programs/facilities (6)
- Parks for hiking, biking, etc. (4)

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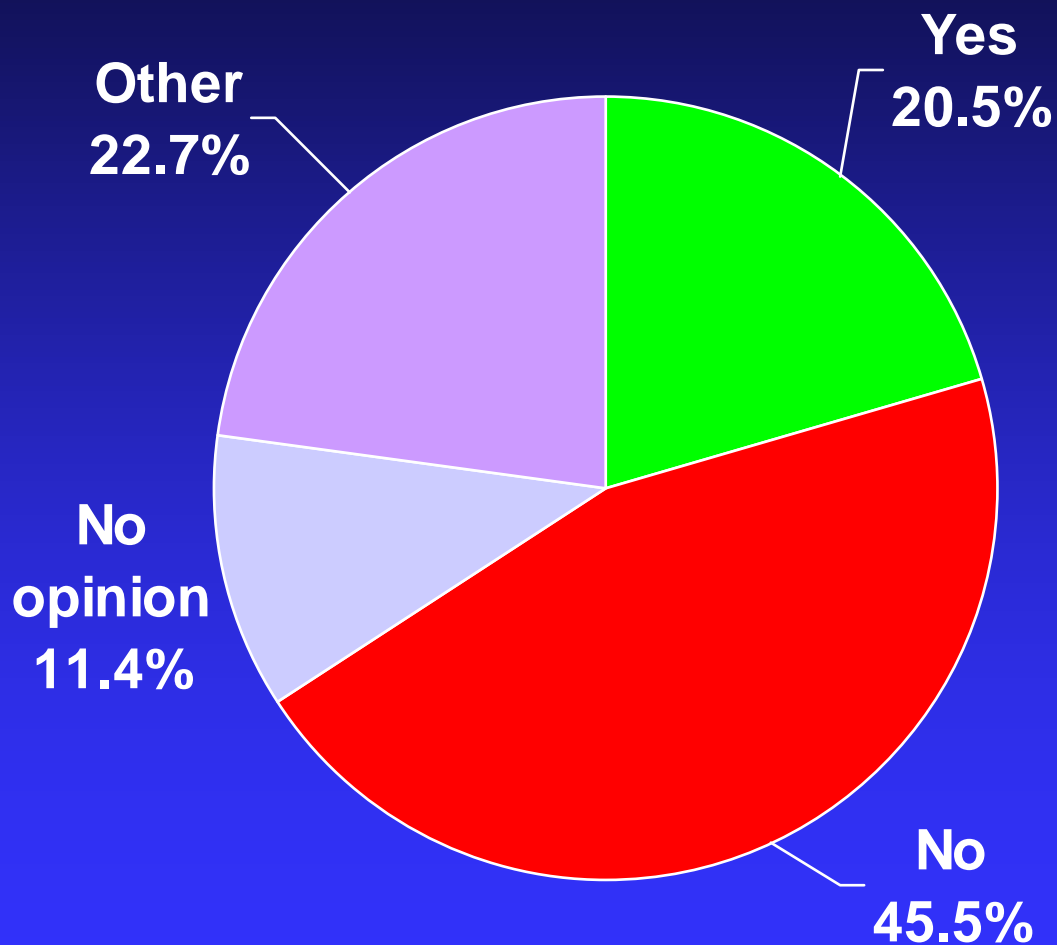
- **Other suggestions**
  - ◆ **Public golf courses (2)**
  - ◆ **Public marina**
  - ◆ **Water-related park**
  - ◆ **Coffeehouses, cyber cafes**



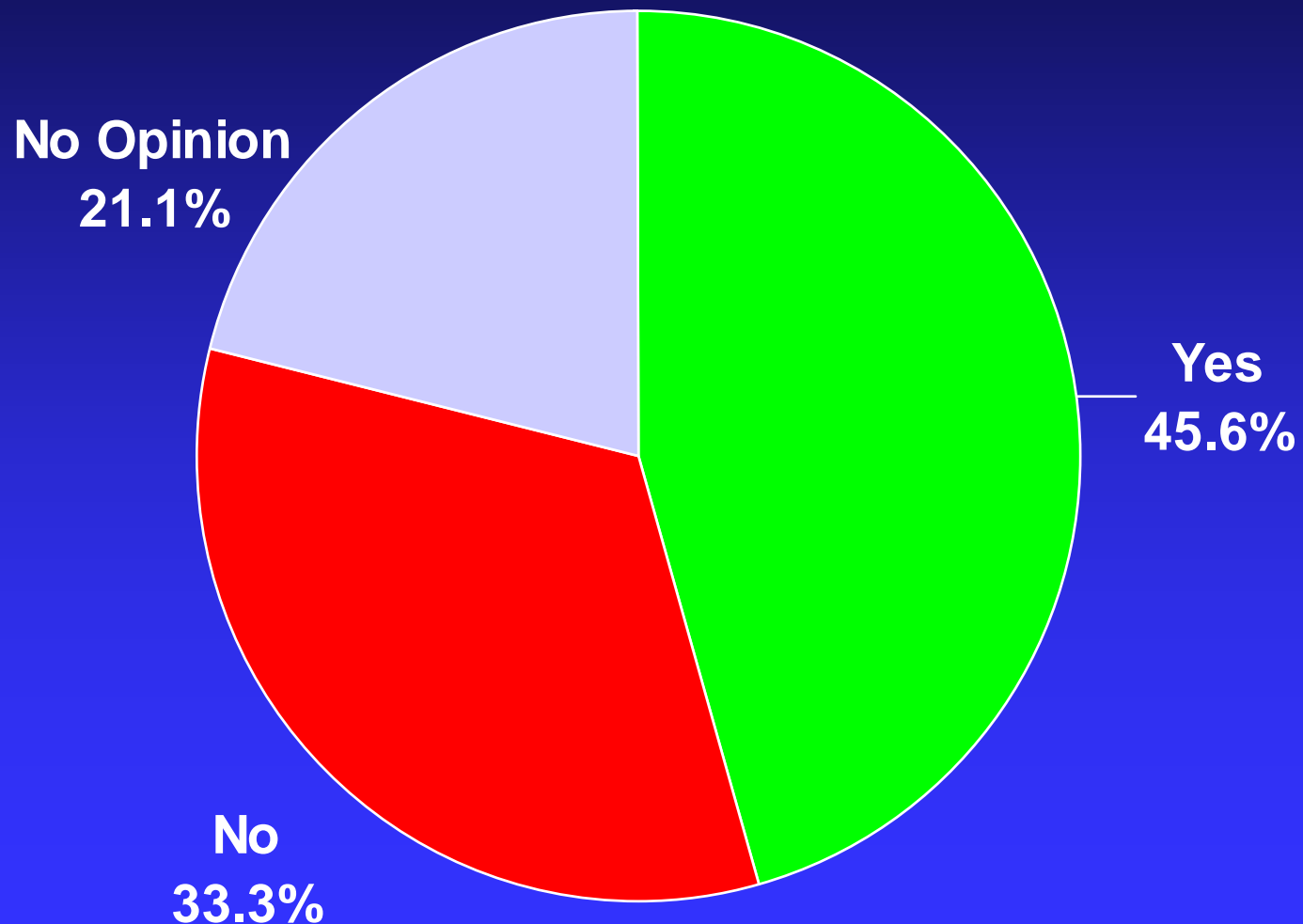
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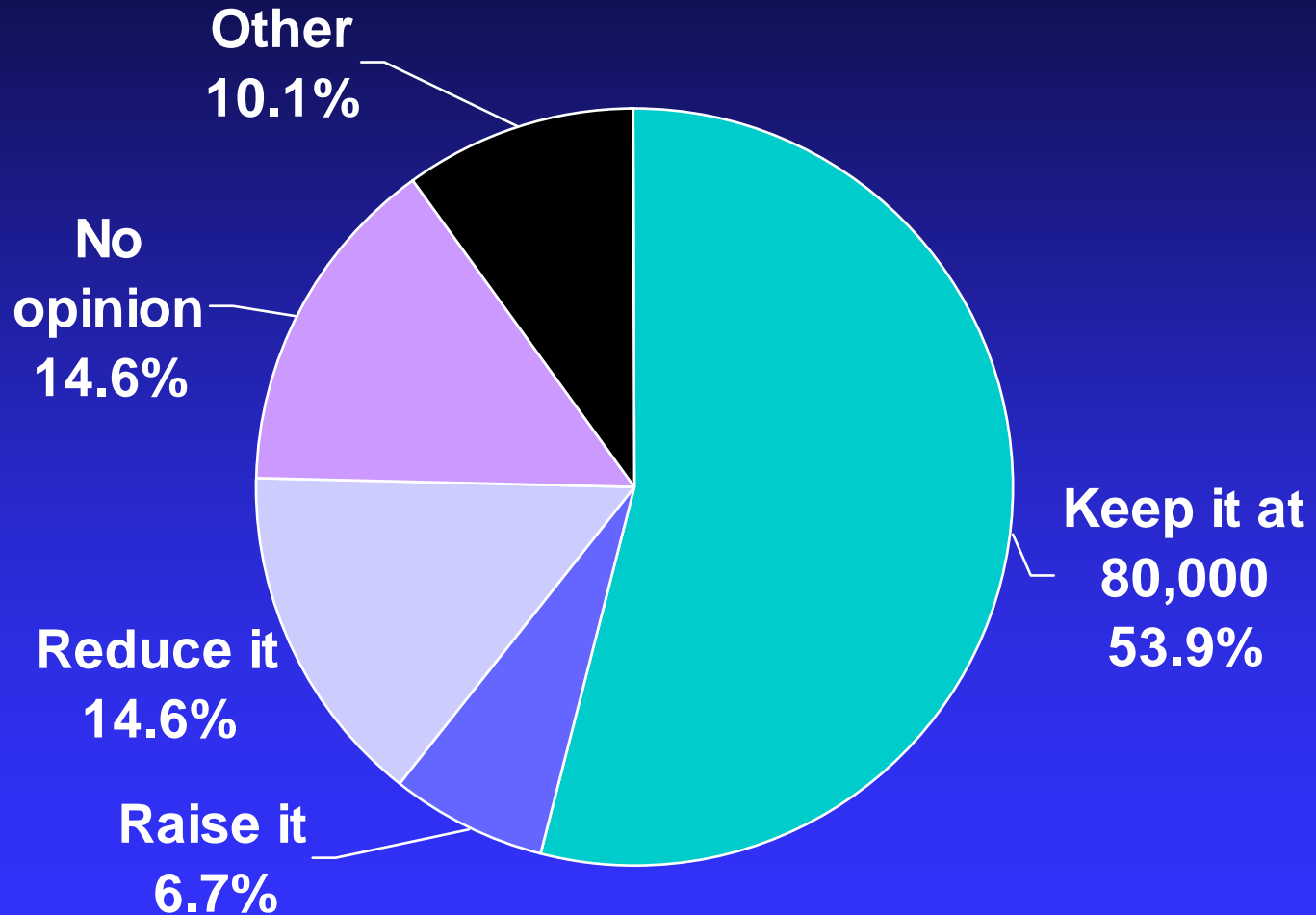
# *Should more land be made available for townhouses, apartments, etc.?*



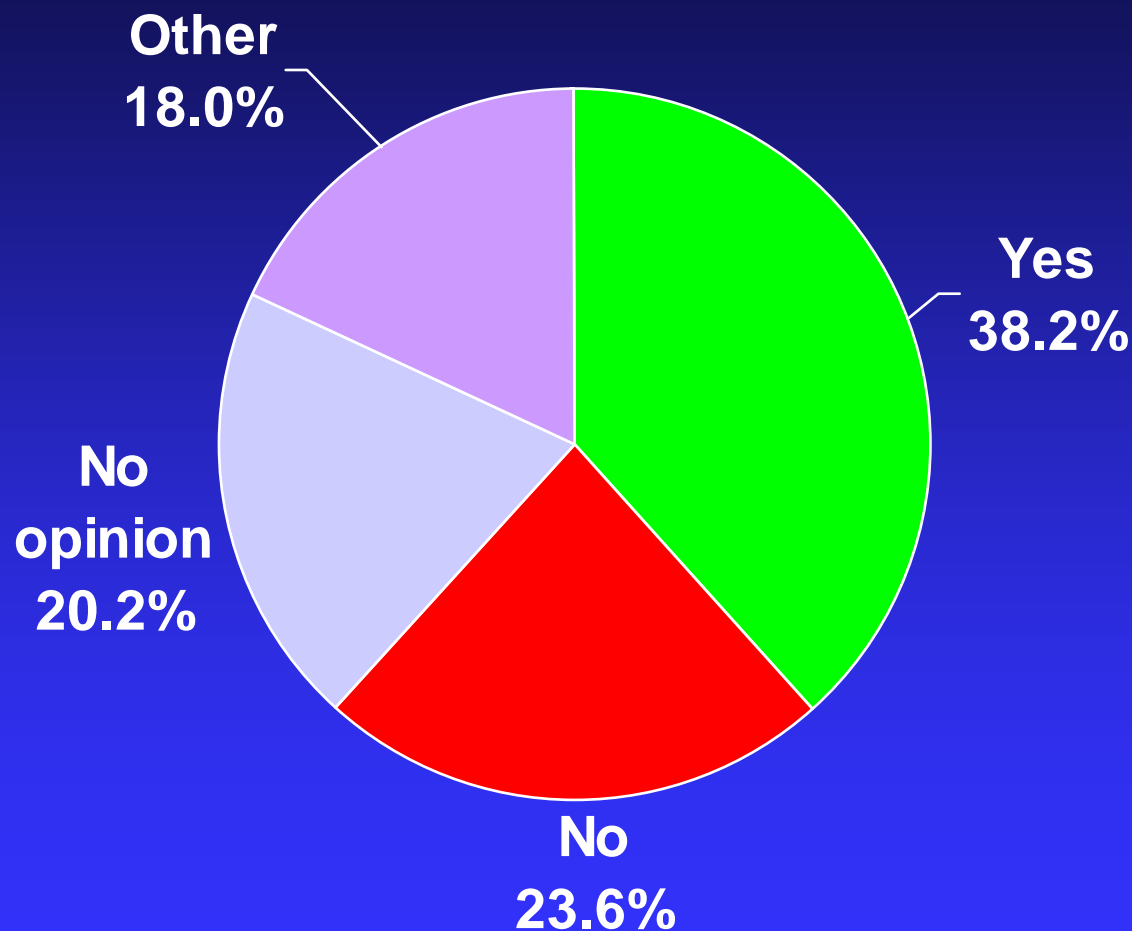
# ***Should the County do more to encourage moderately priced housing?***



# ***Should the maximum build-out population remain at 80,000?***



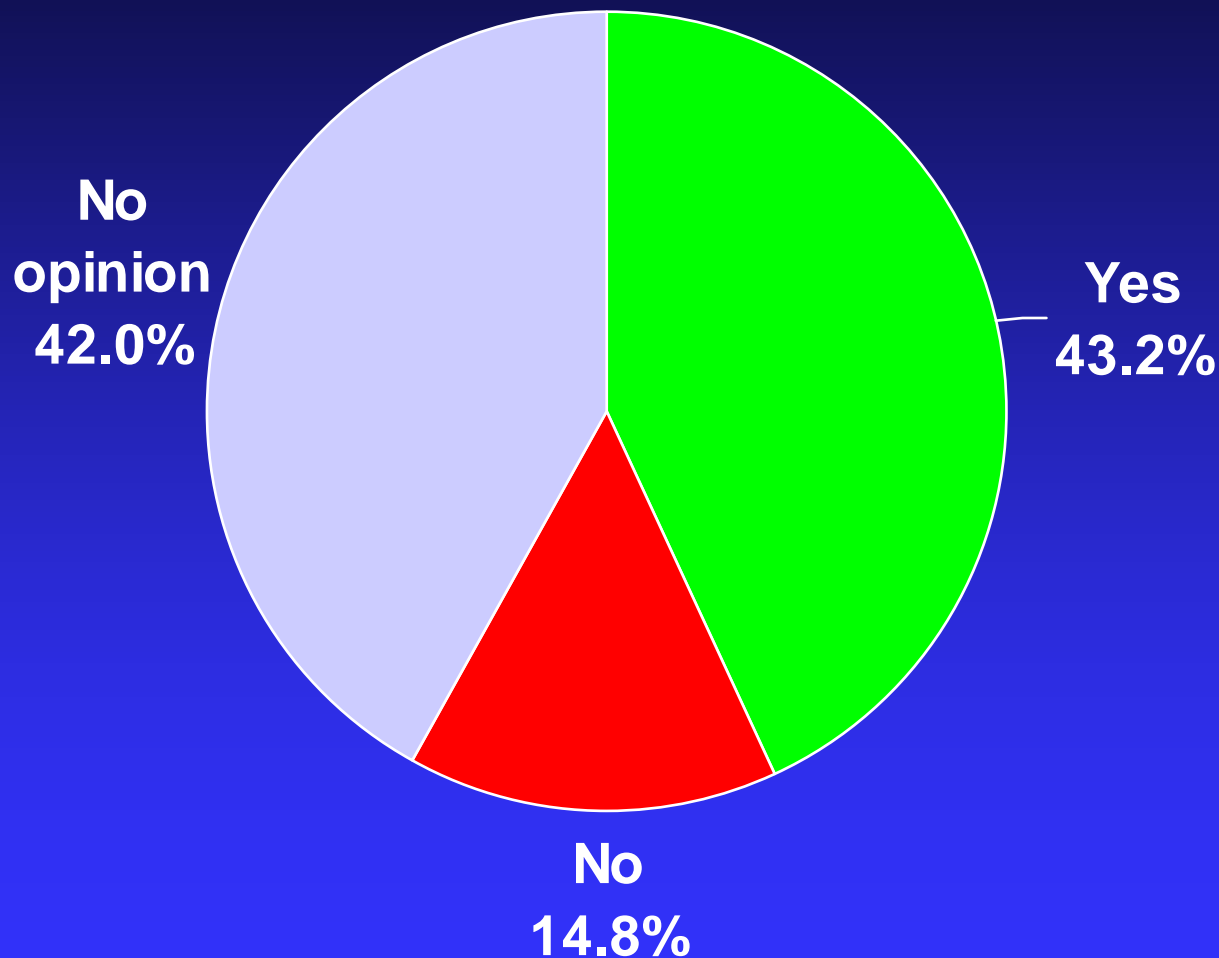
# ***Should neo-traditional mixed use development be encouraged?***



# ***What areas are well suited for neo-traditional mixed use development?***

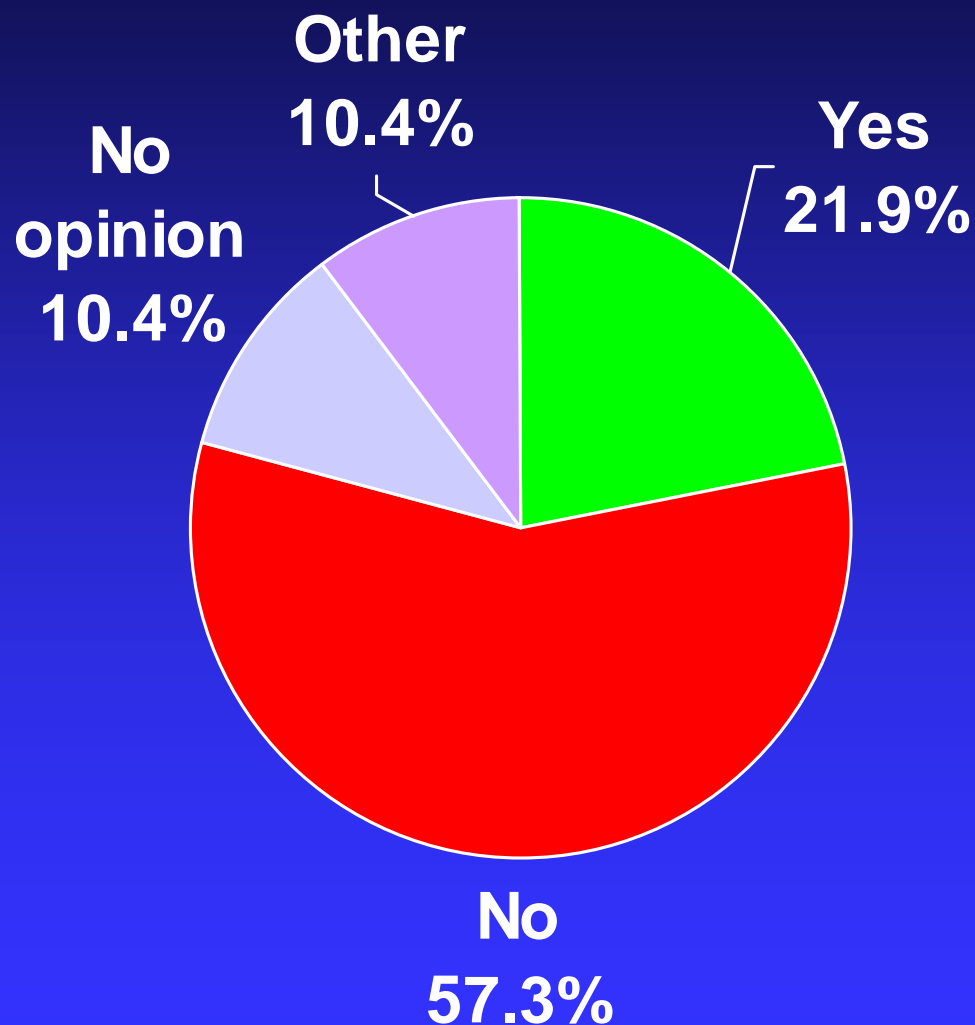
- **Upper County (7)**
- **Near historic Yorktown (2)**
- **Tabb**
- **Seaford**
- **Route 17 corridor**
- **Route 17/105 intersection**

# ***Should the County encourage construction of senior housing?***

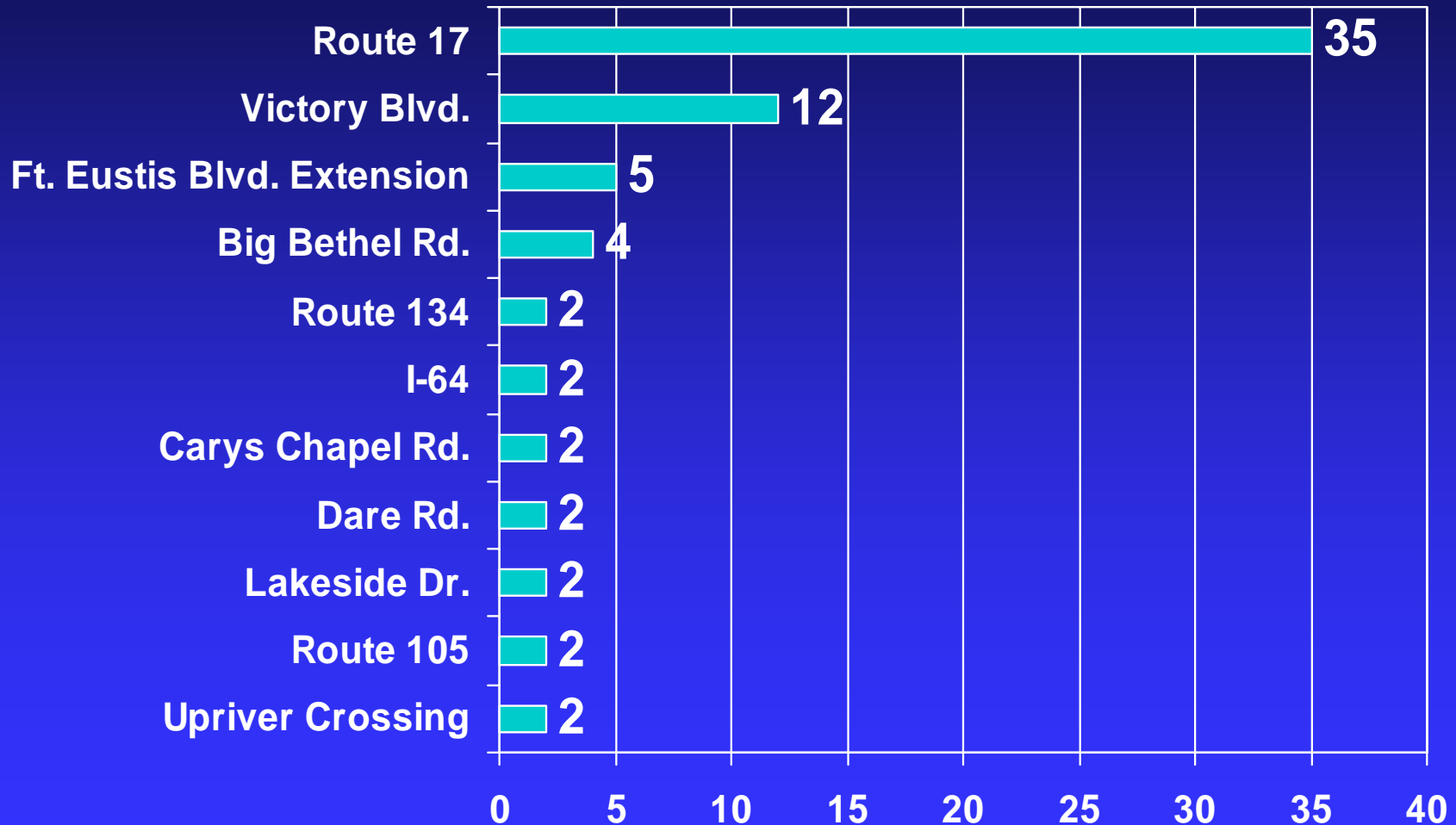




# ***Do you think the existing road network is adequate?***



# ***If not, what roads do you think should be expanded to increase capacity?***



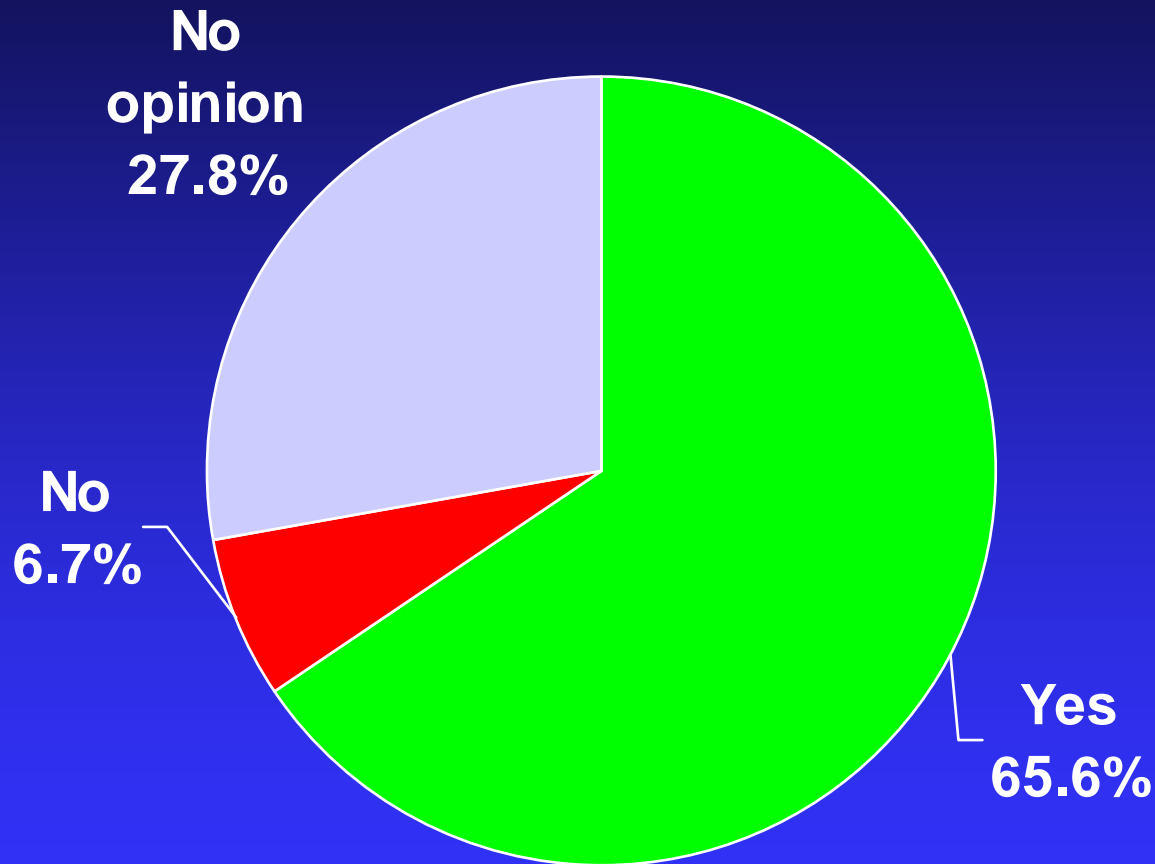
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- Showalter Road
- Denbigh Blvd.
- Route 238
- Cook Road (bike lanes/shoulders)
- Showalter Road

# ***Is there more the County should do to mitigate the effect of storm events?***

- **51% - No or No comment**
- **Suggestions :**
  - ◆ **Clean ditches/improve culverts (10)**
  - ◆ **Underground utilities (8)**
  - ◆ **Public information & education (6)**
  - ◆ **Prevent/limit construction in flood-prone areas (5)**

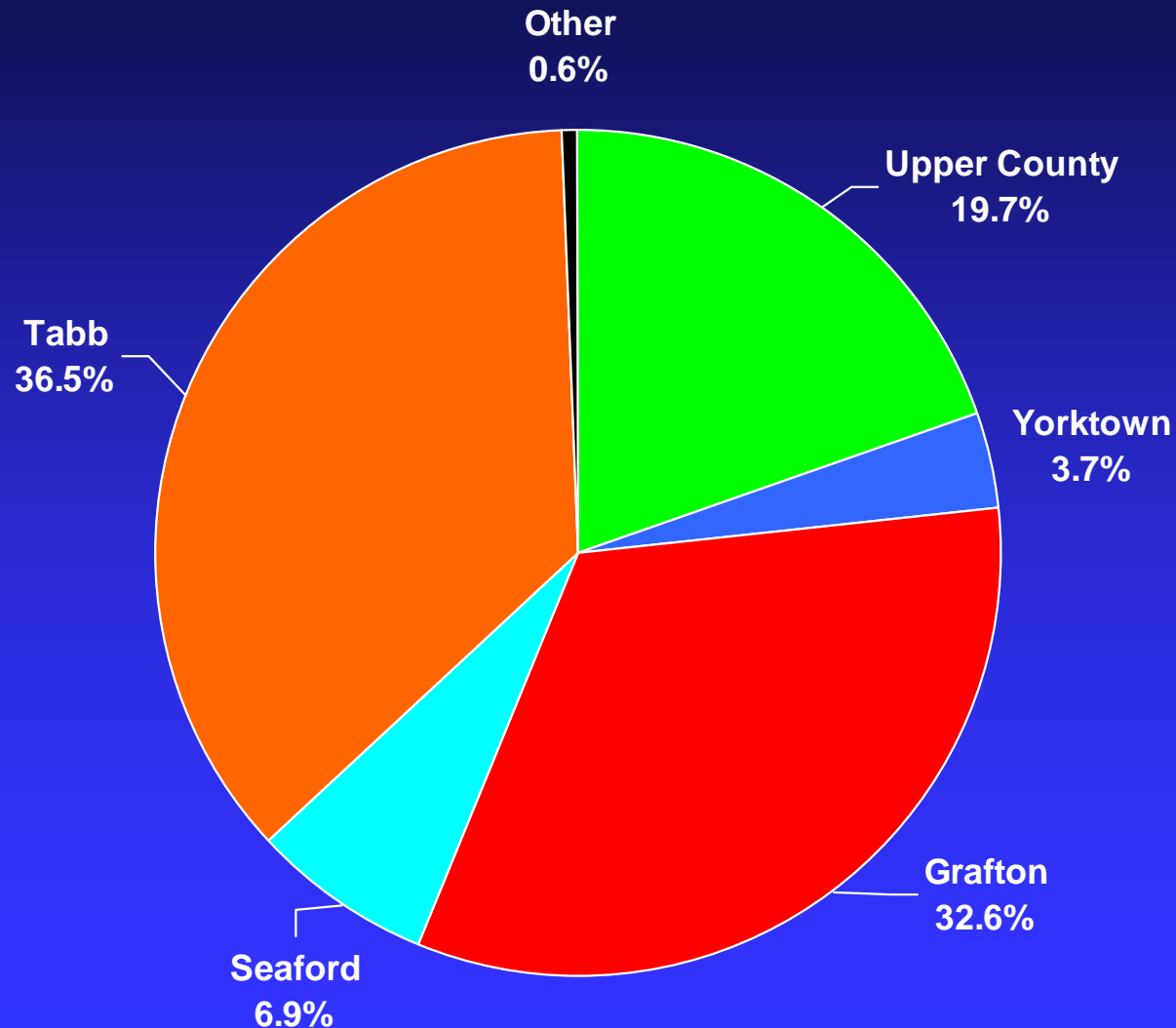
# ***Should the County purchase undeveloped land for open space?***



# *Telephone Survey*

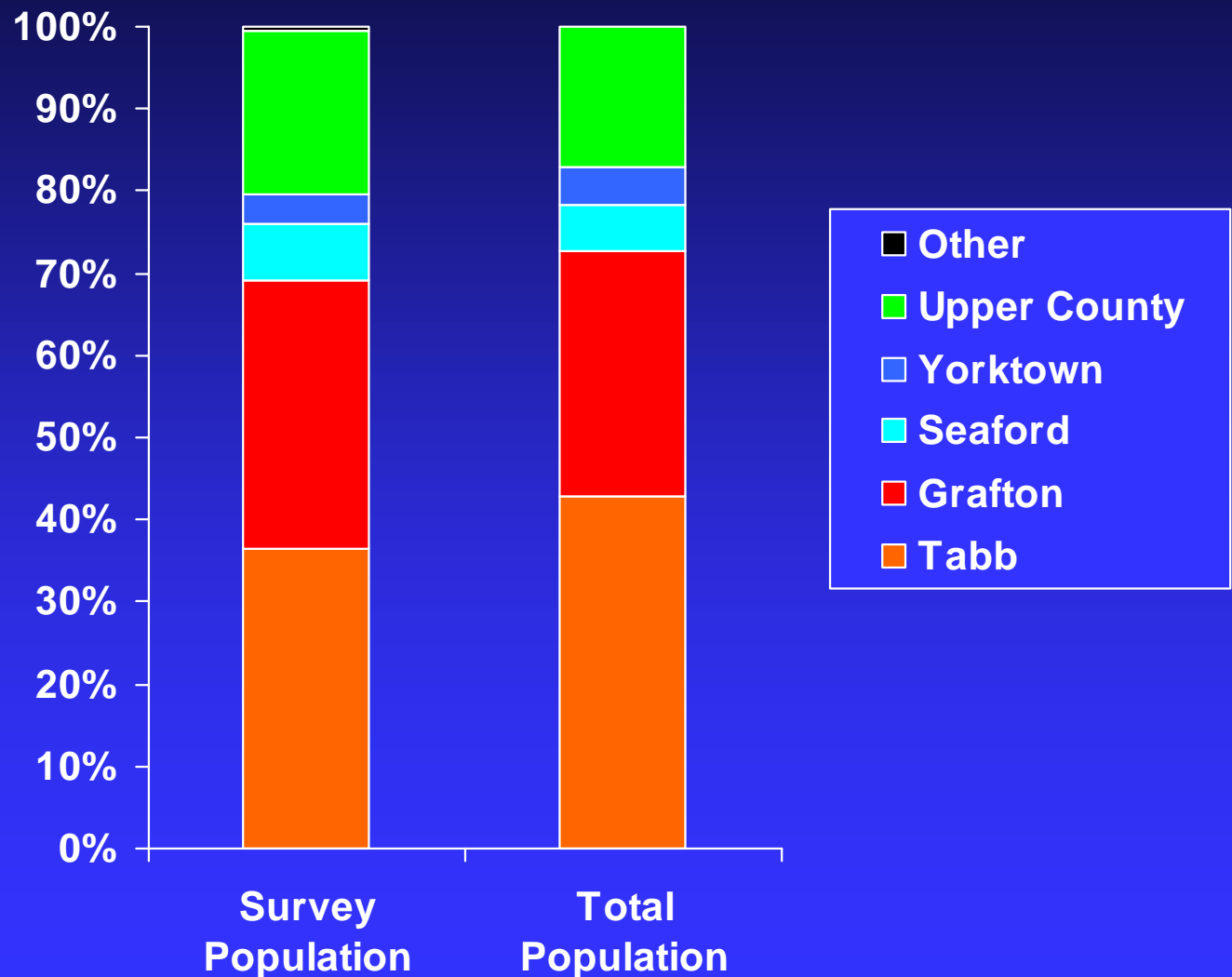
- **Conducted by professional survey firm**
- **Conducted from January 12 through February 6**
- **406 interviews**
- **Accurate to within  $\pm 4.9\%$**

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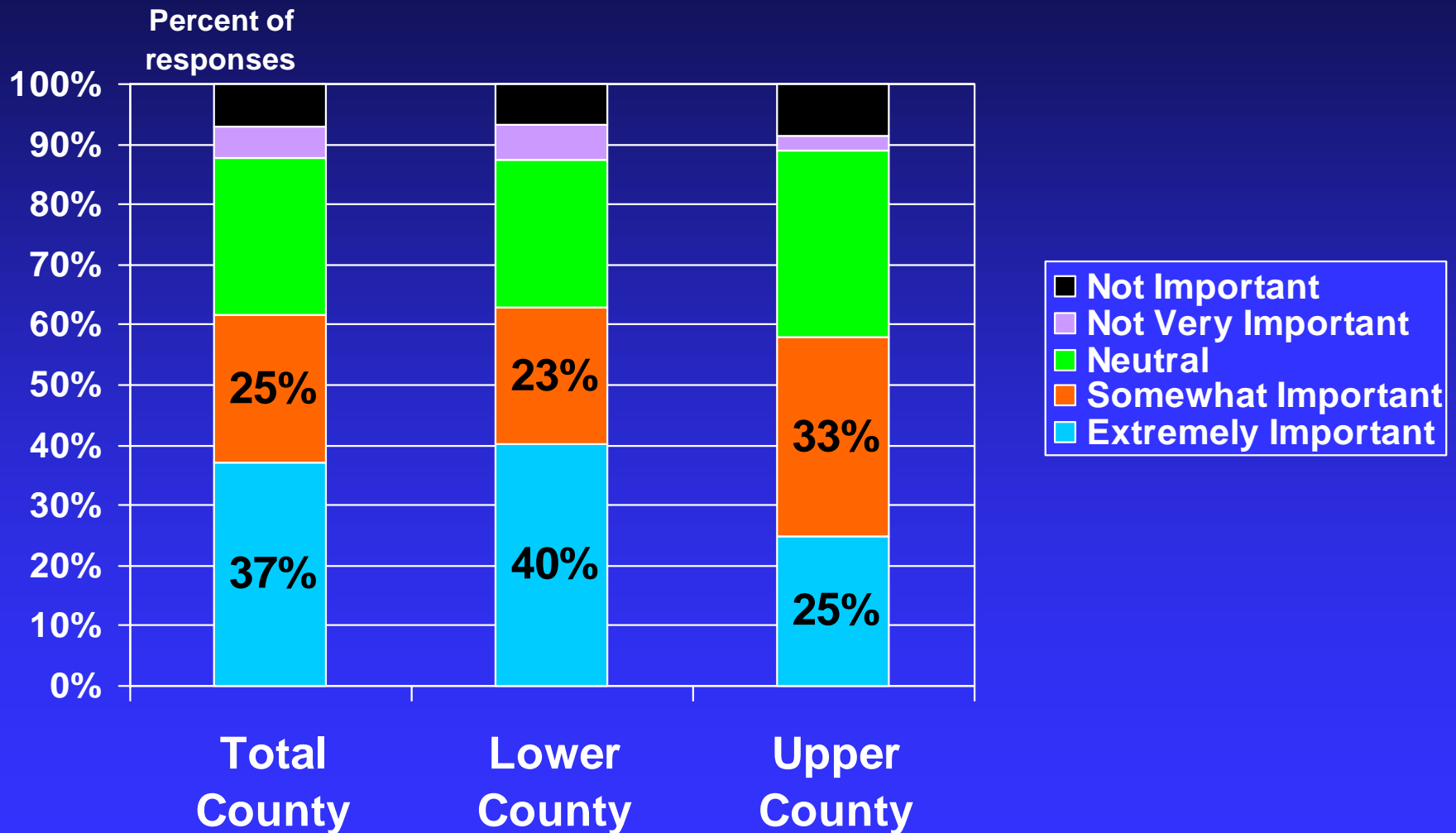




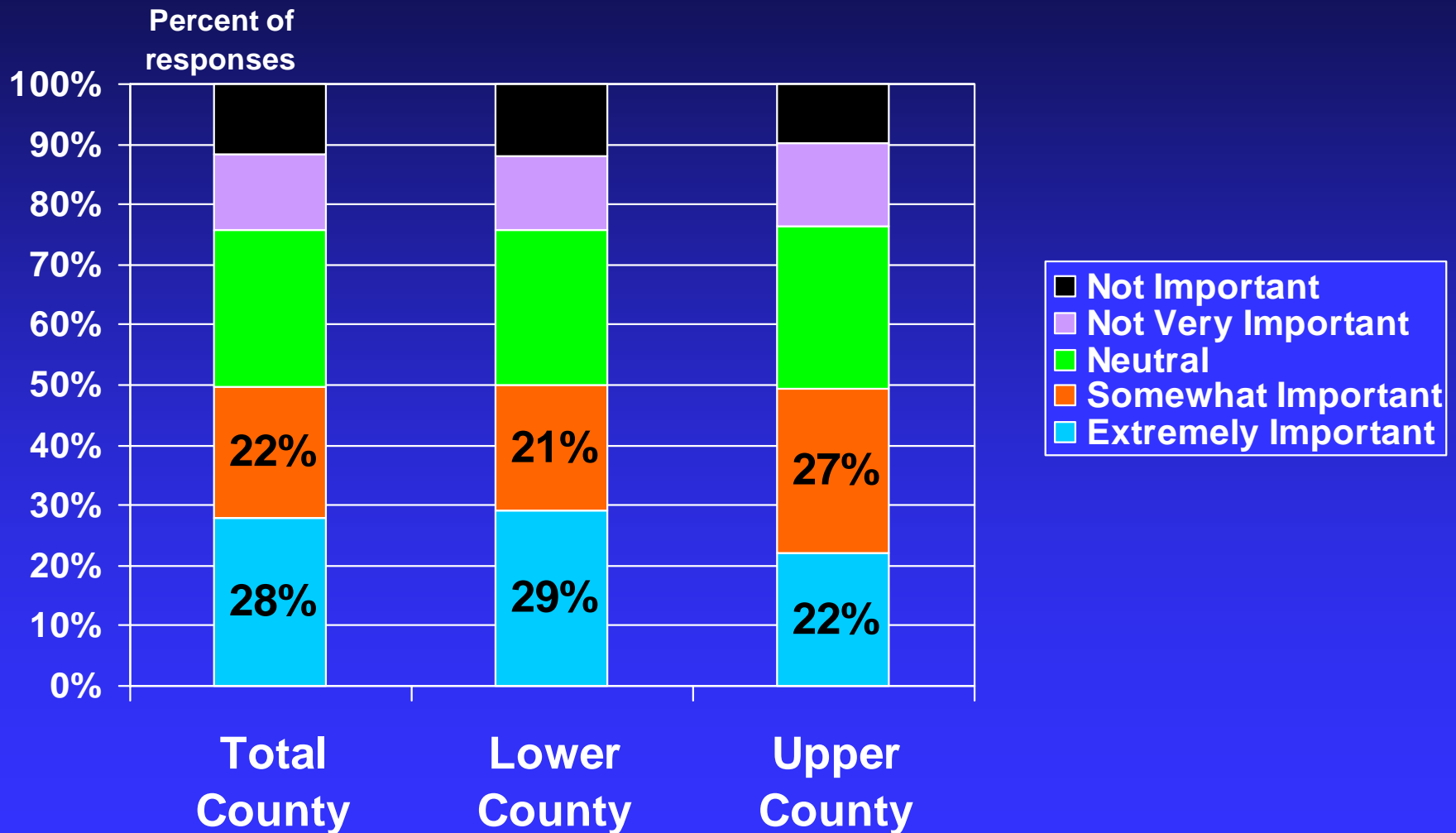
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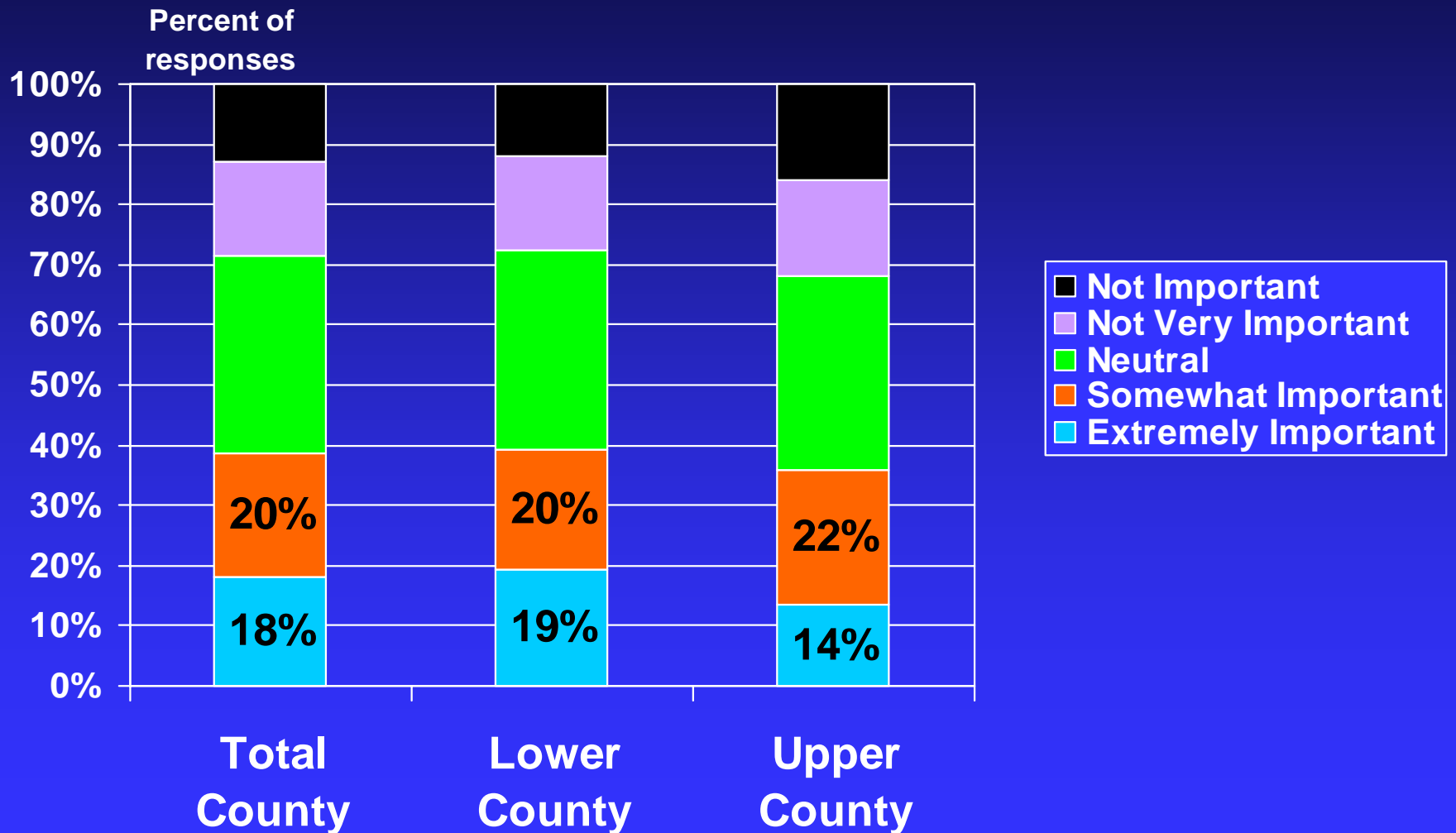
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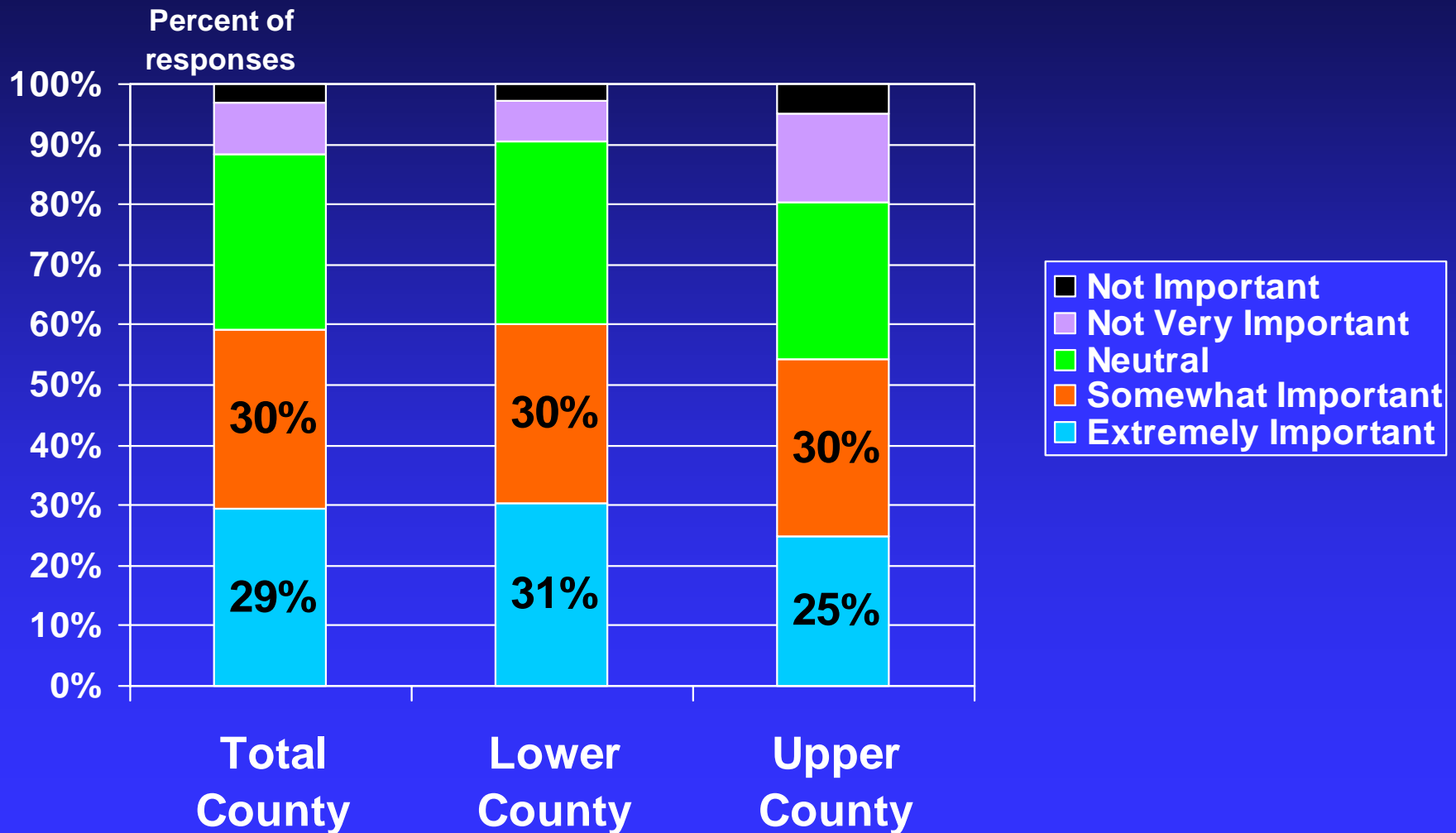
# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to create more parks?*



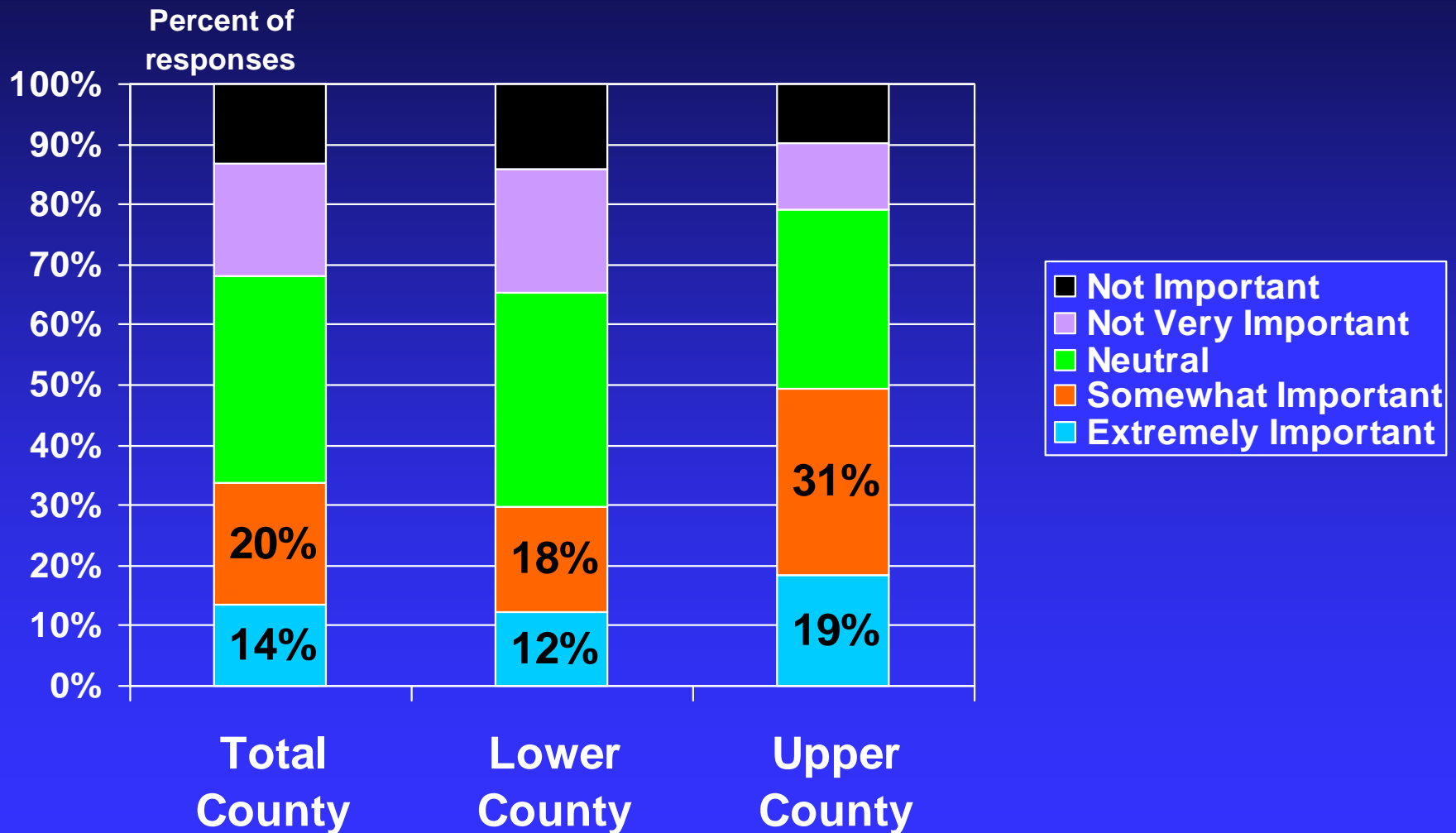
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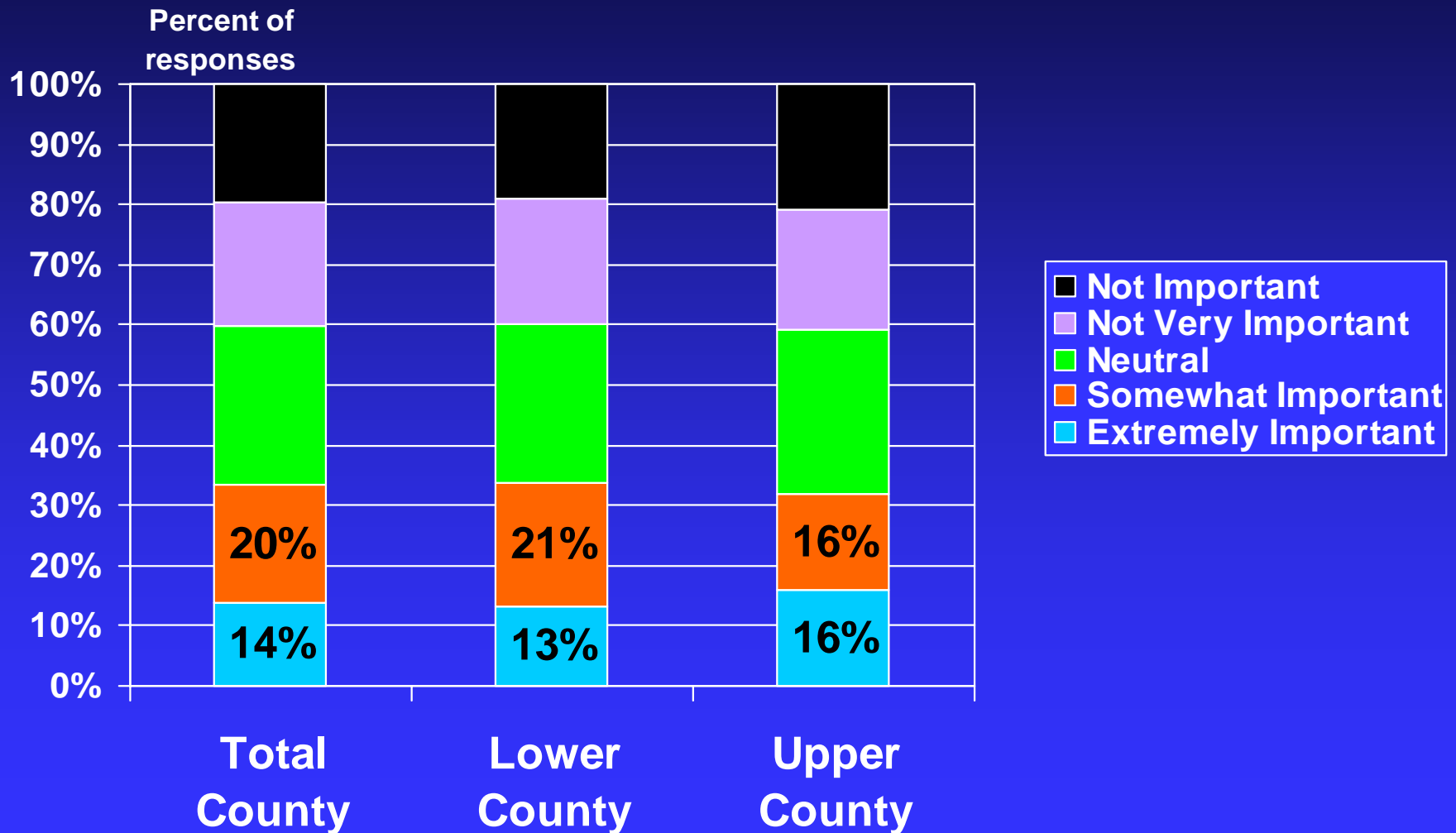
# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to build more fire stations?*



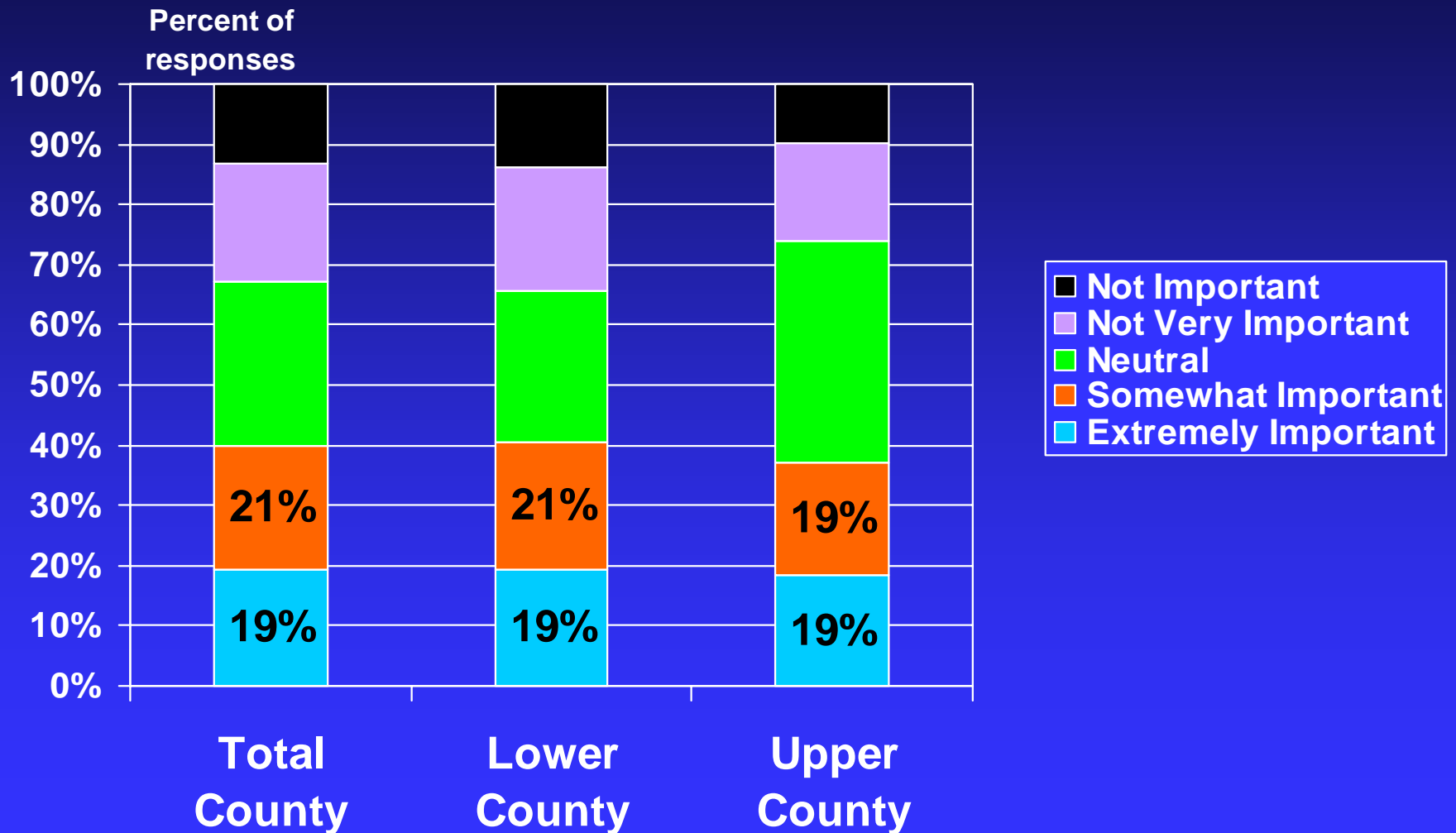
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# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to build bike paths?*

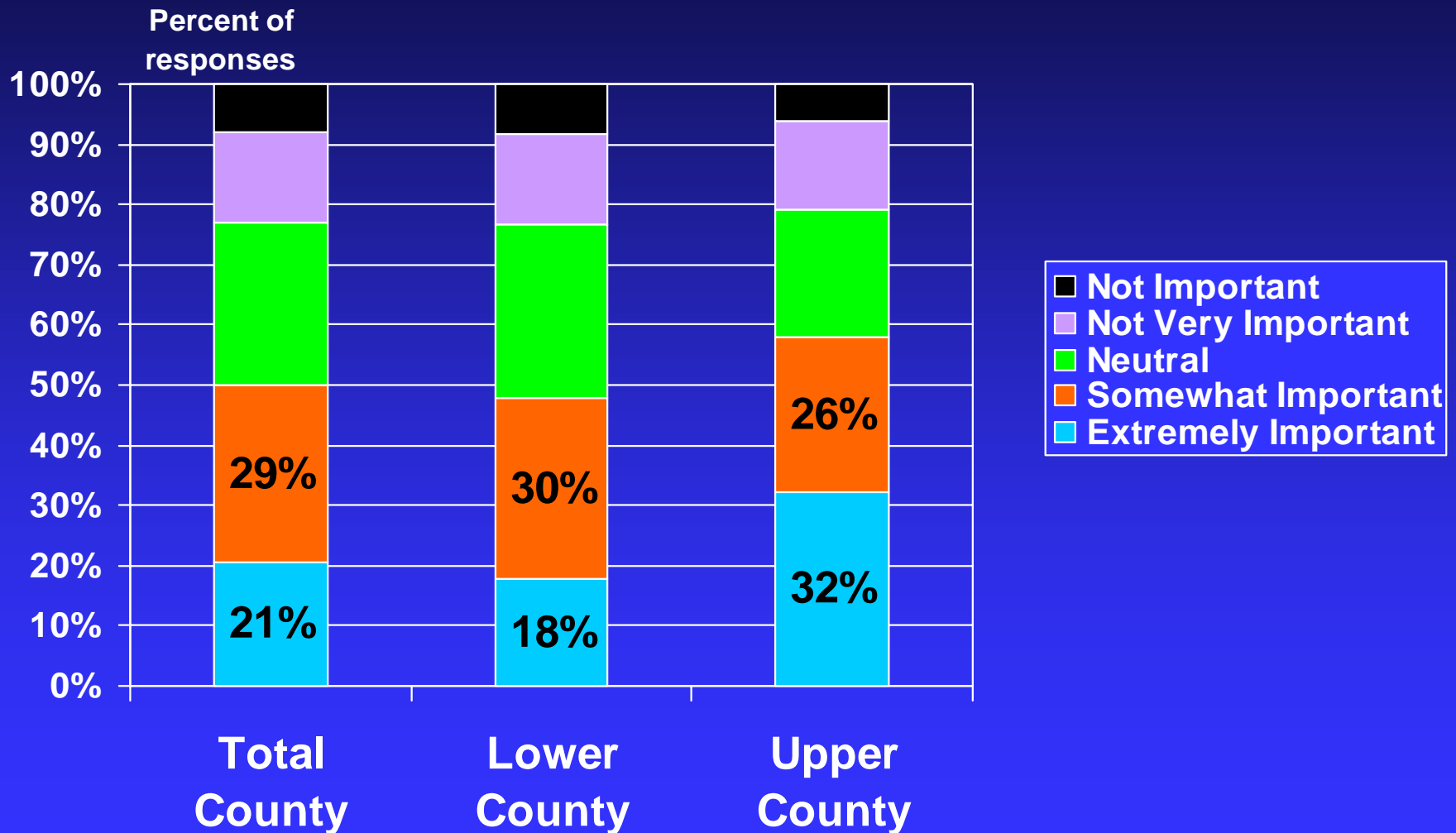


# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to build walking trails?*

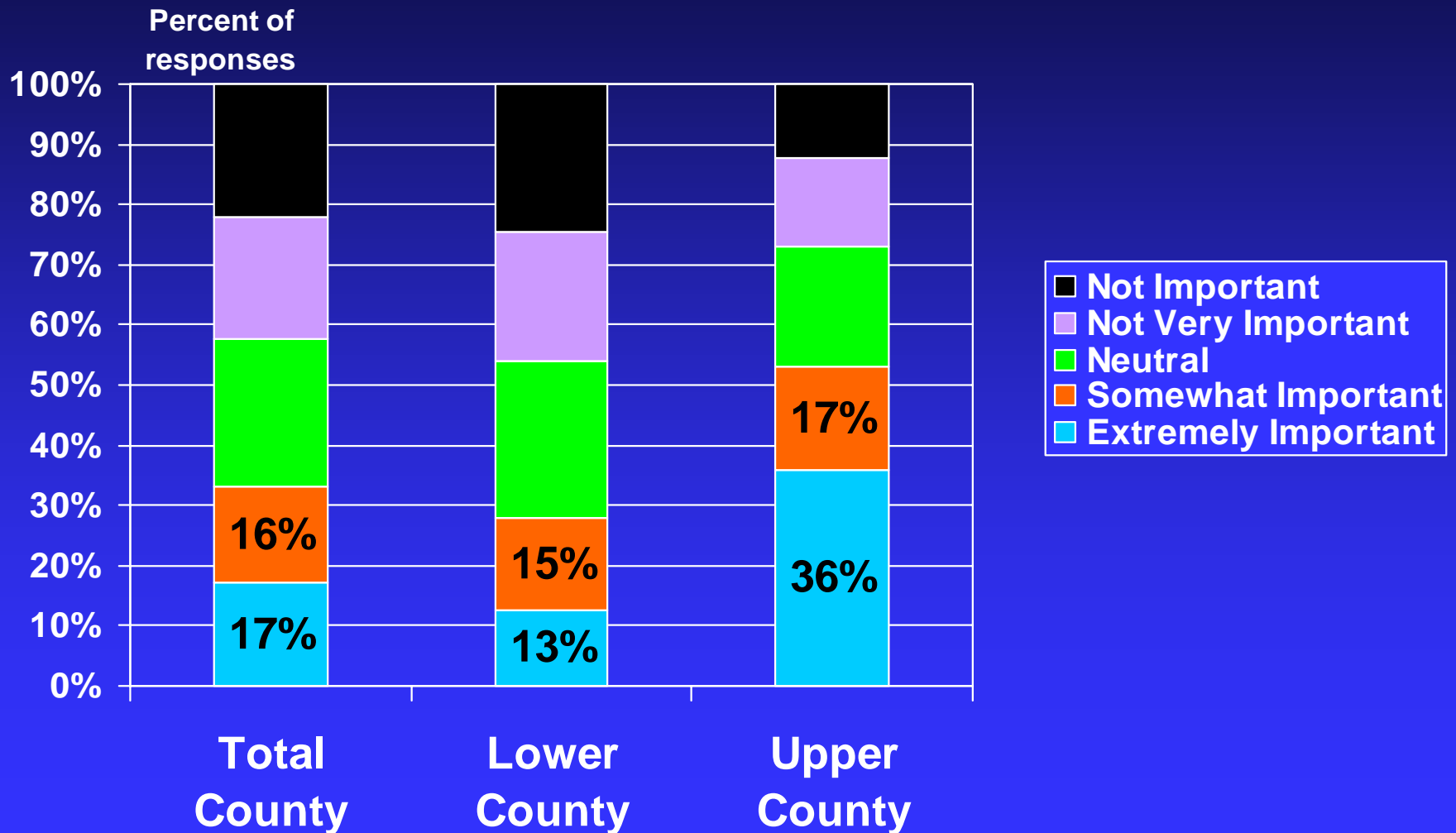




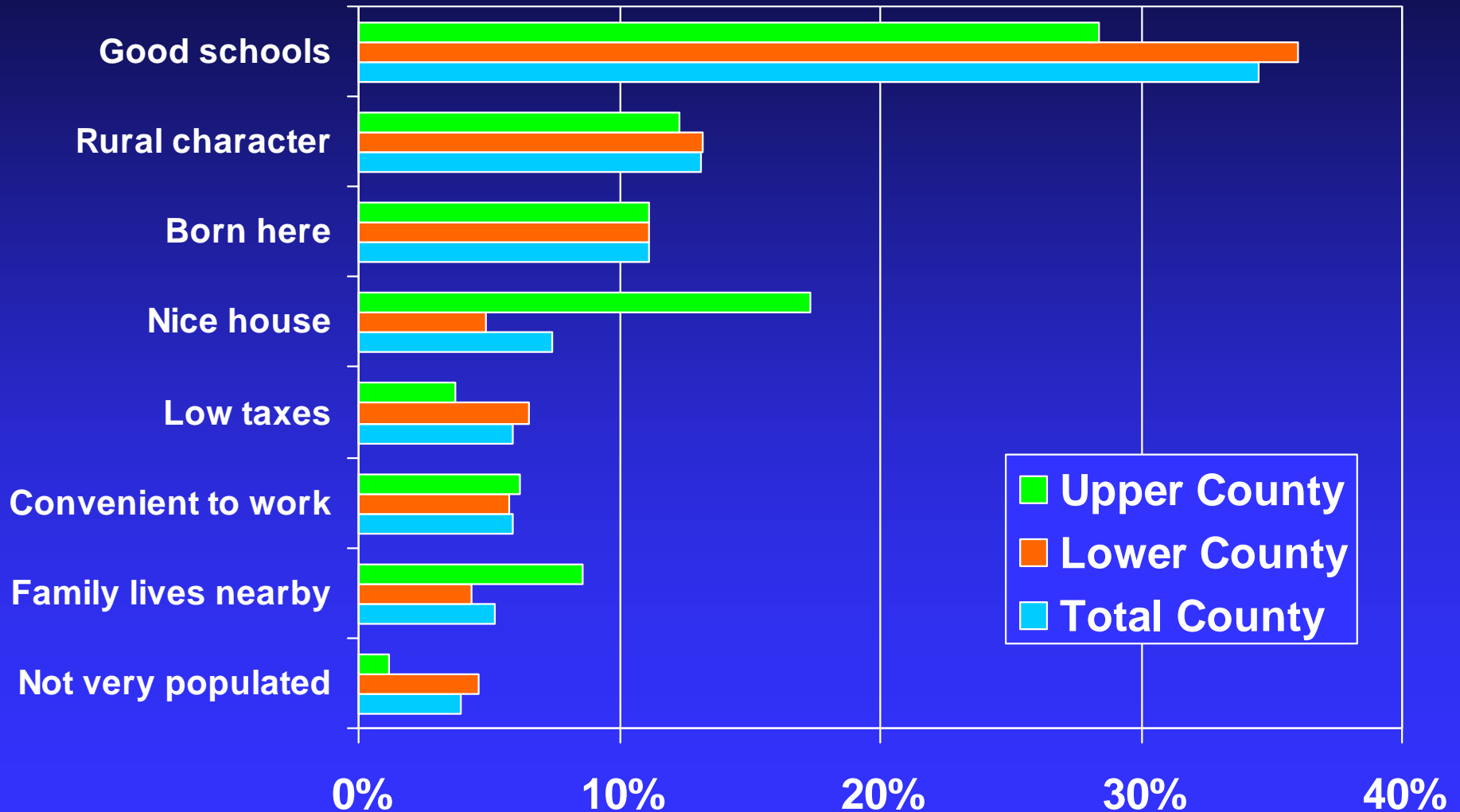
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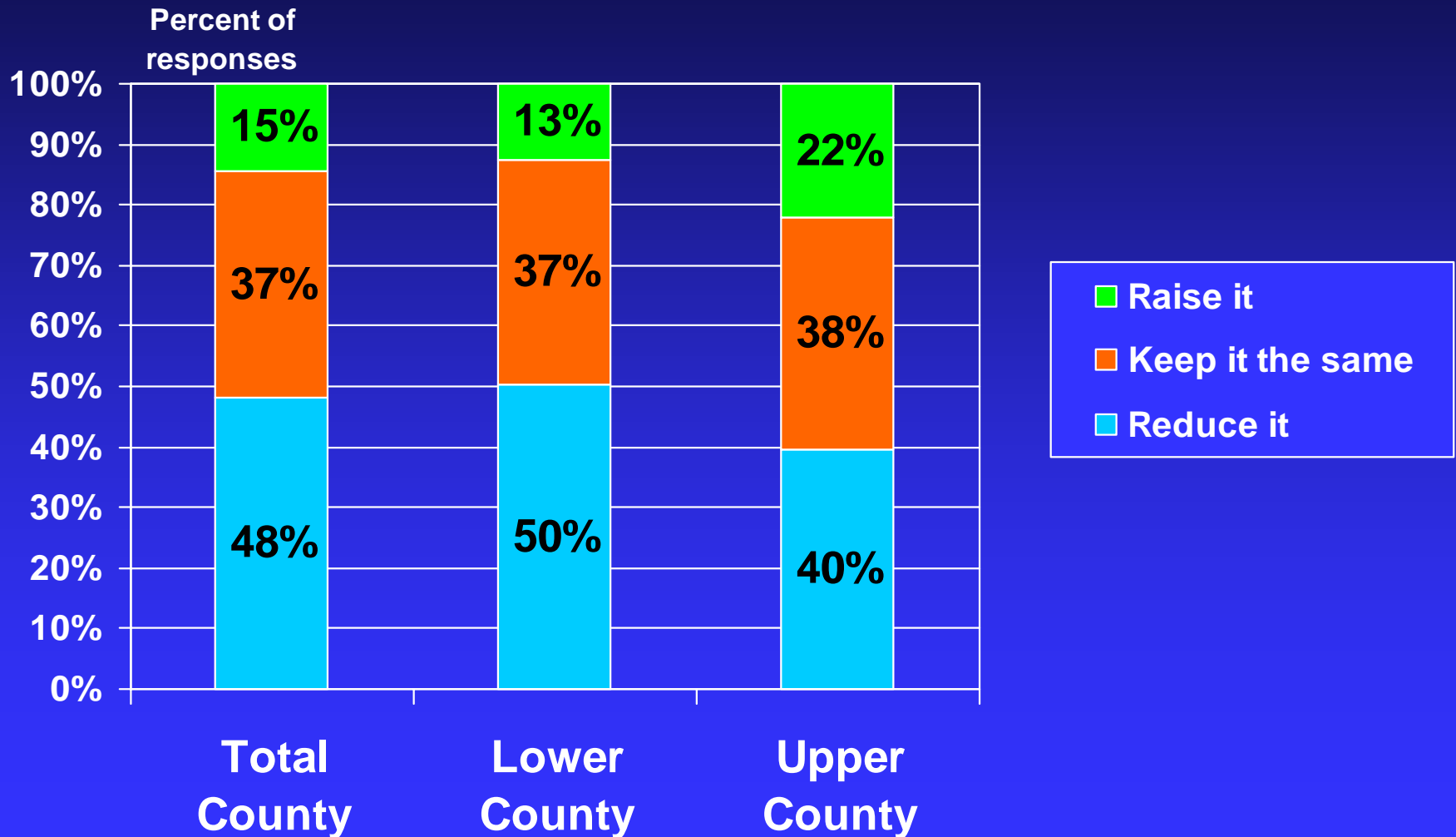
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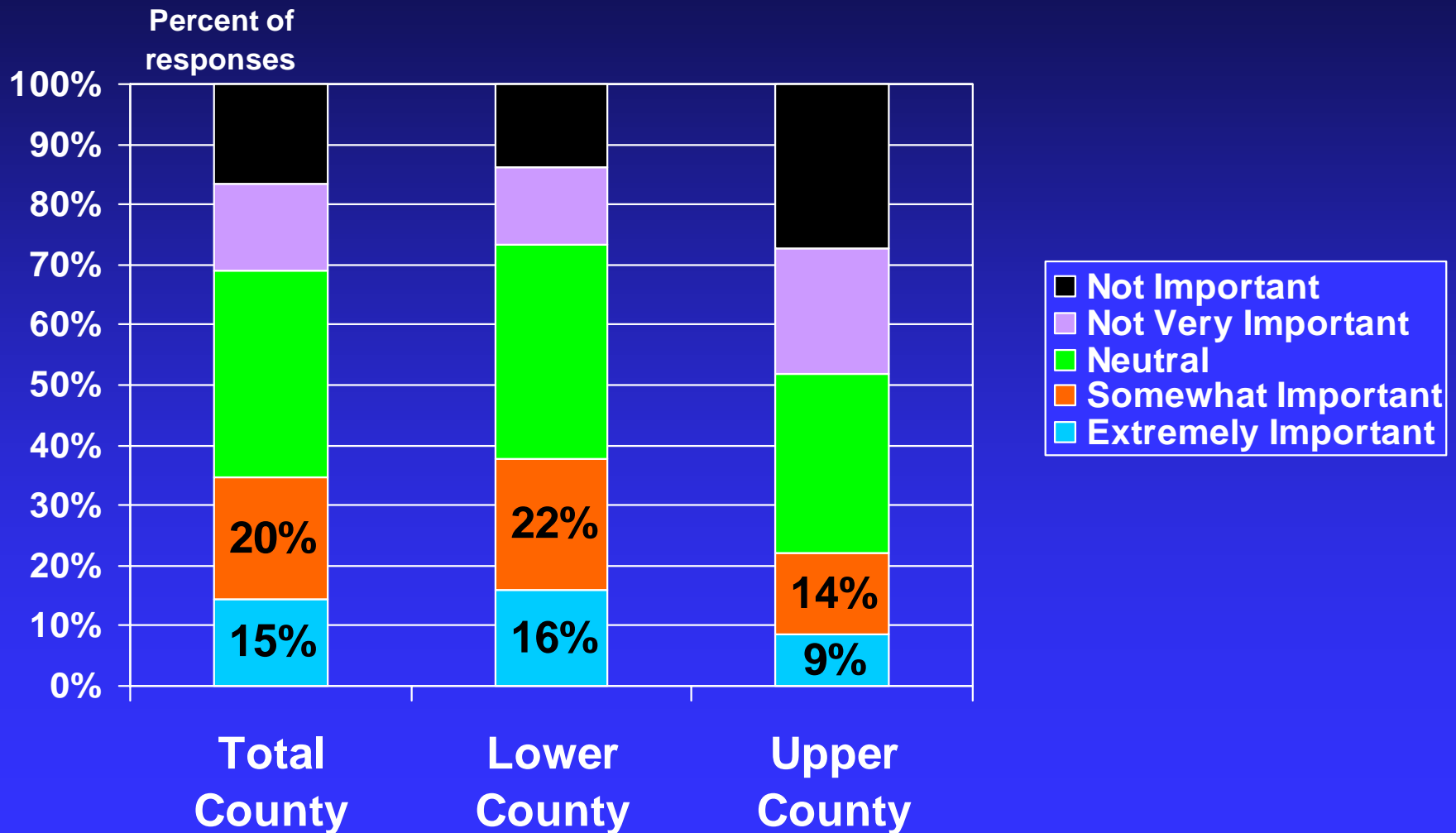
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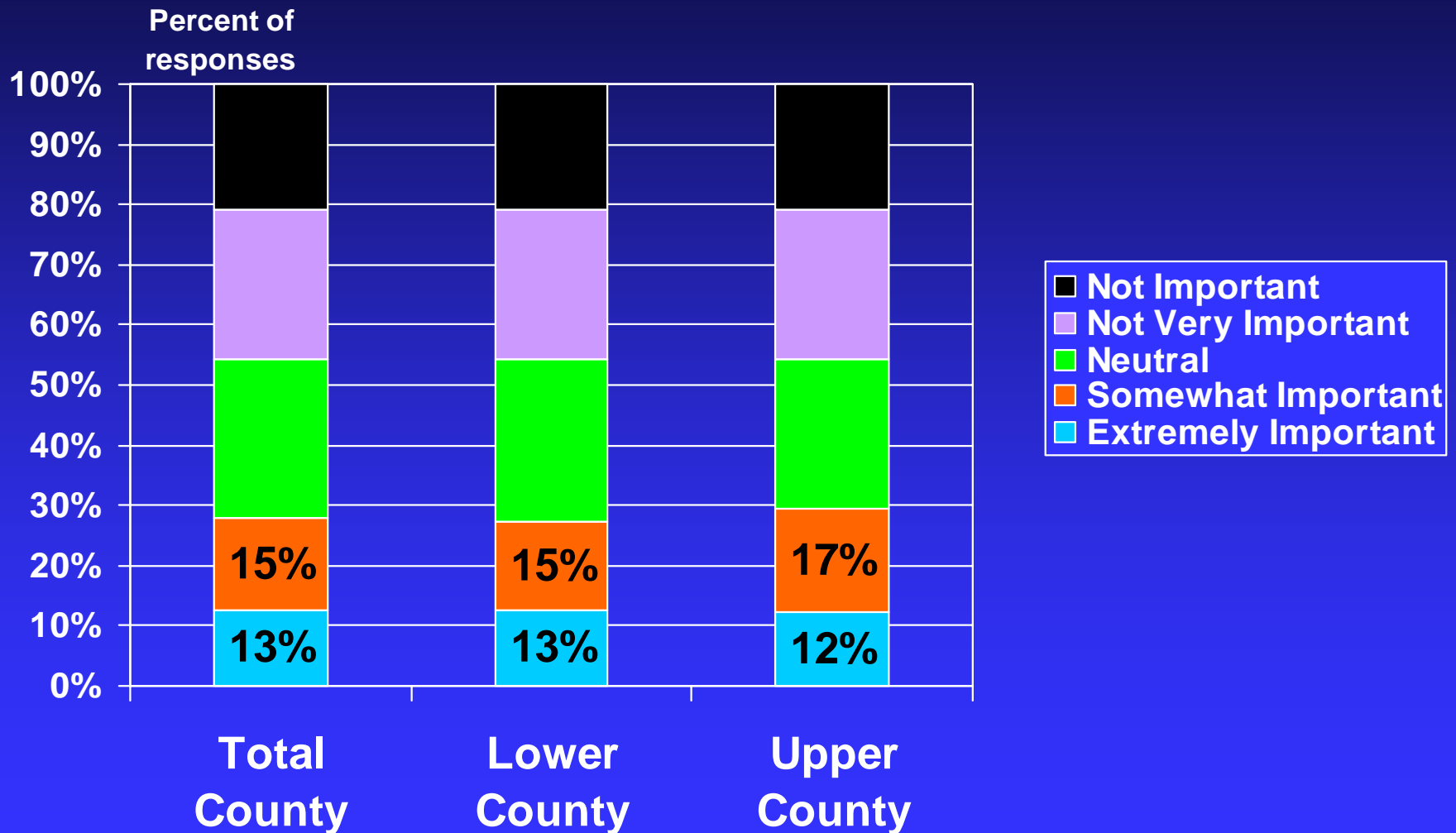
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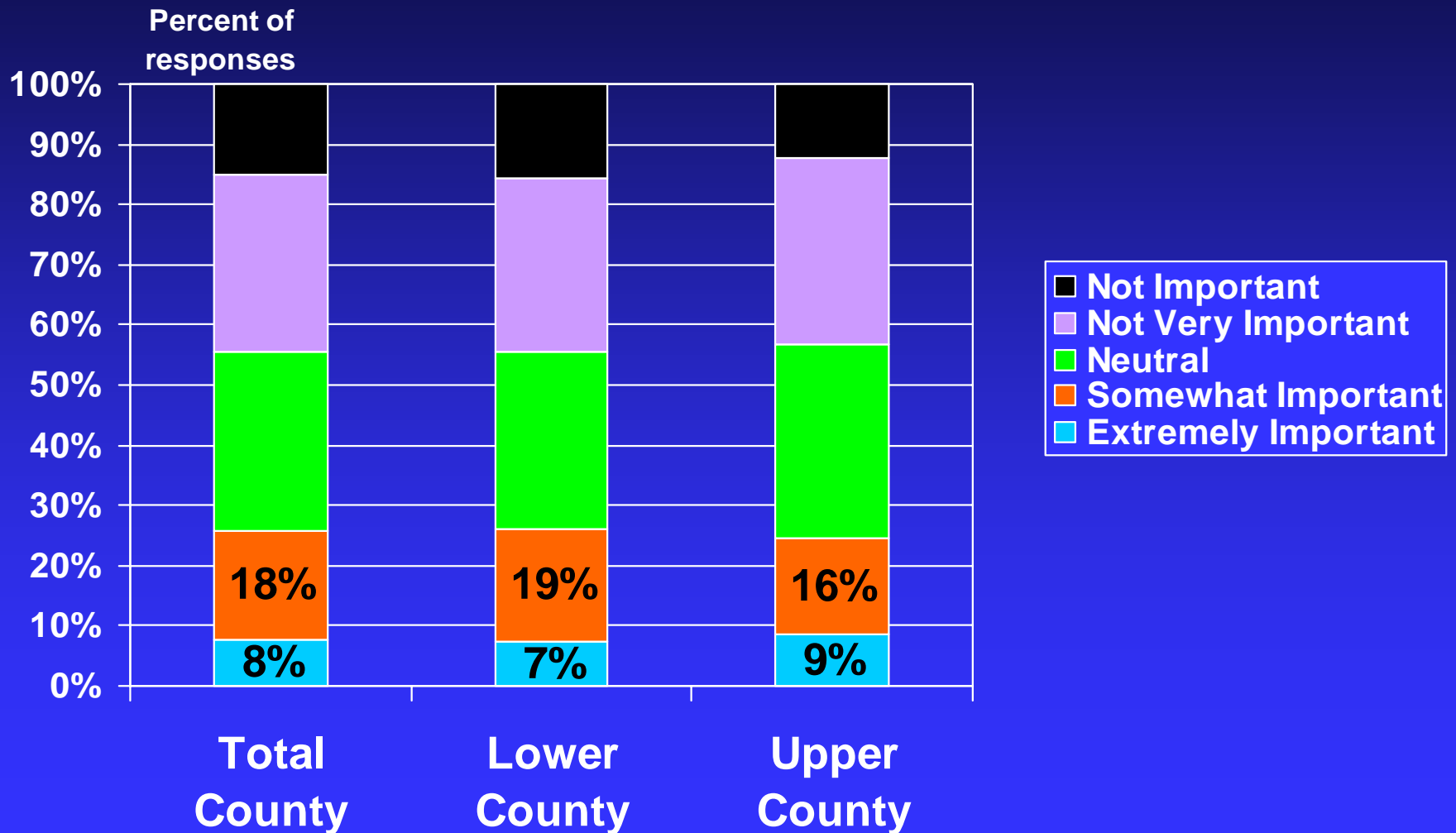
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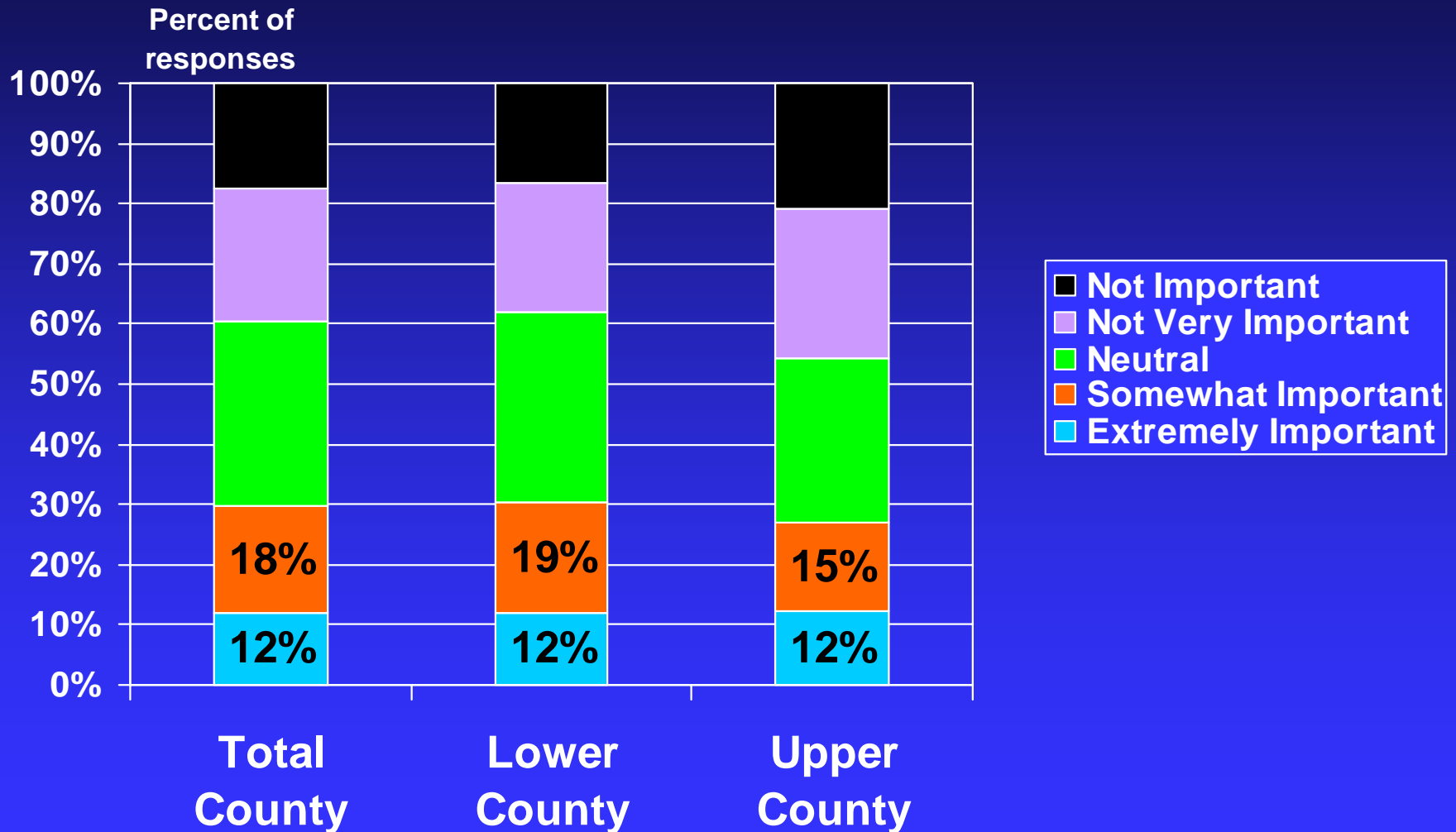
# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to encourage more retail stores?*



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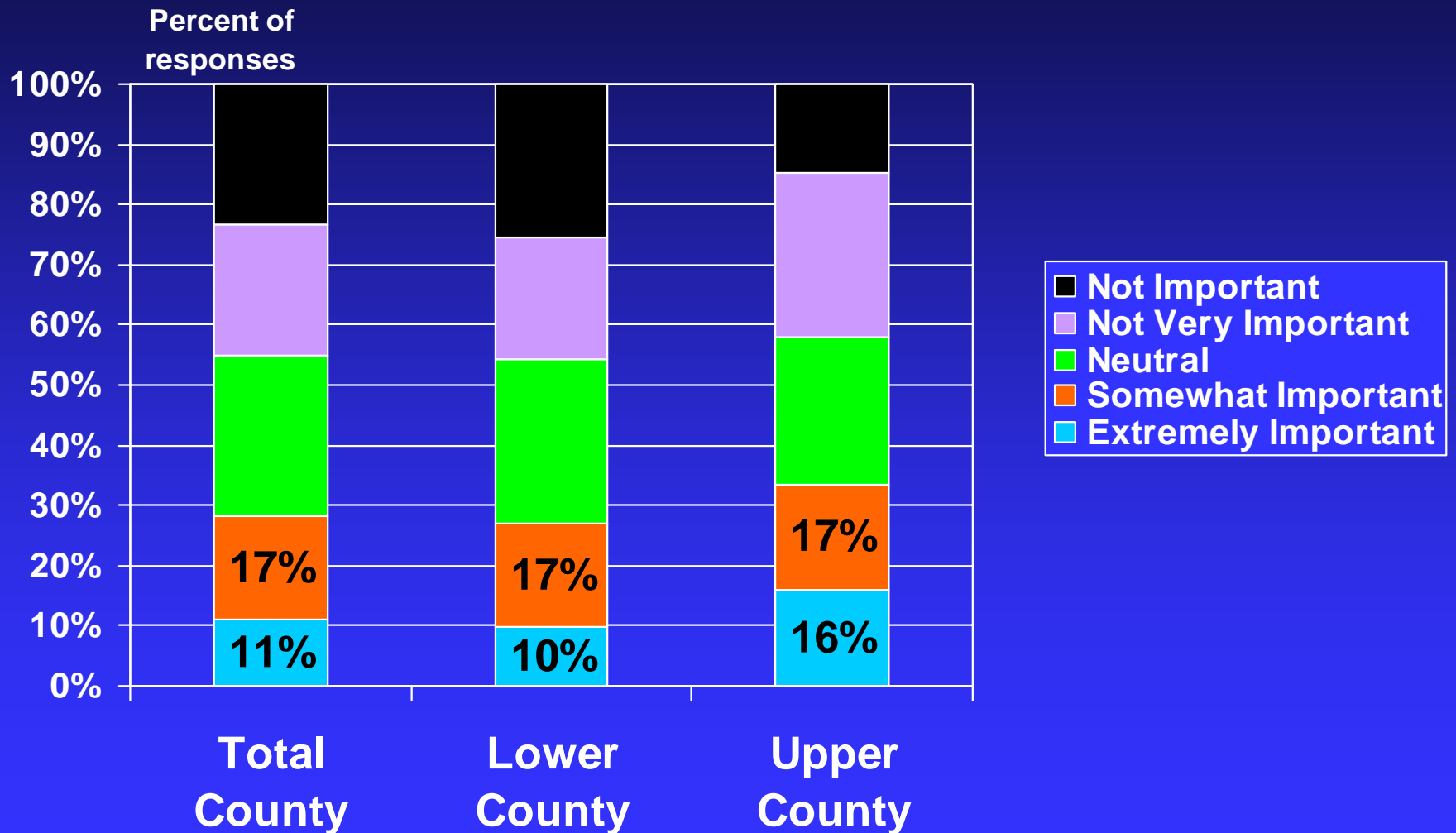


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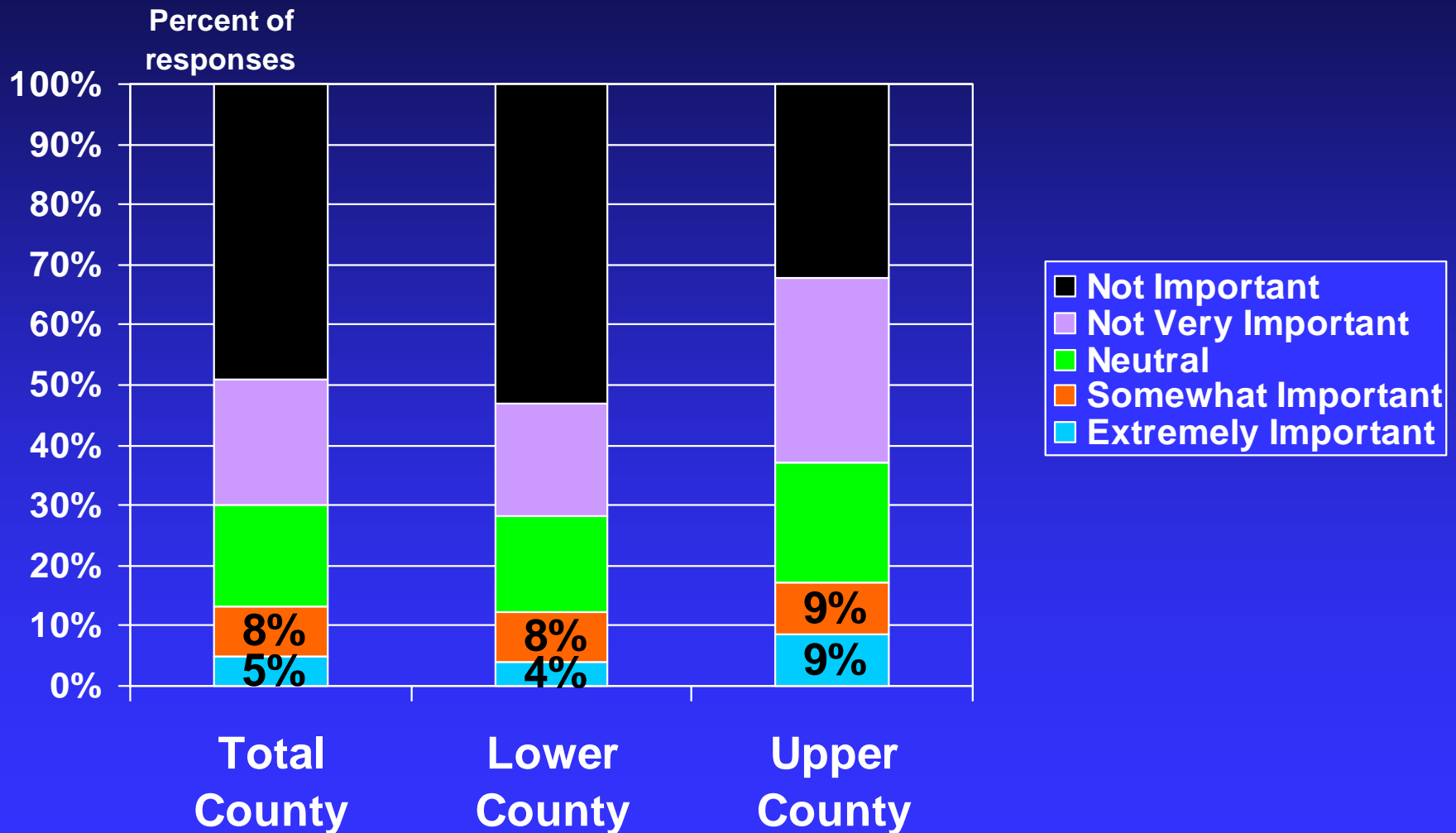




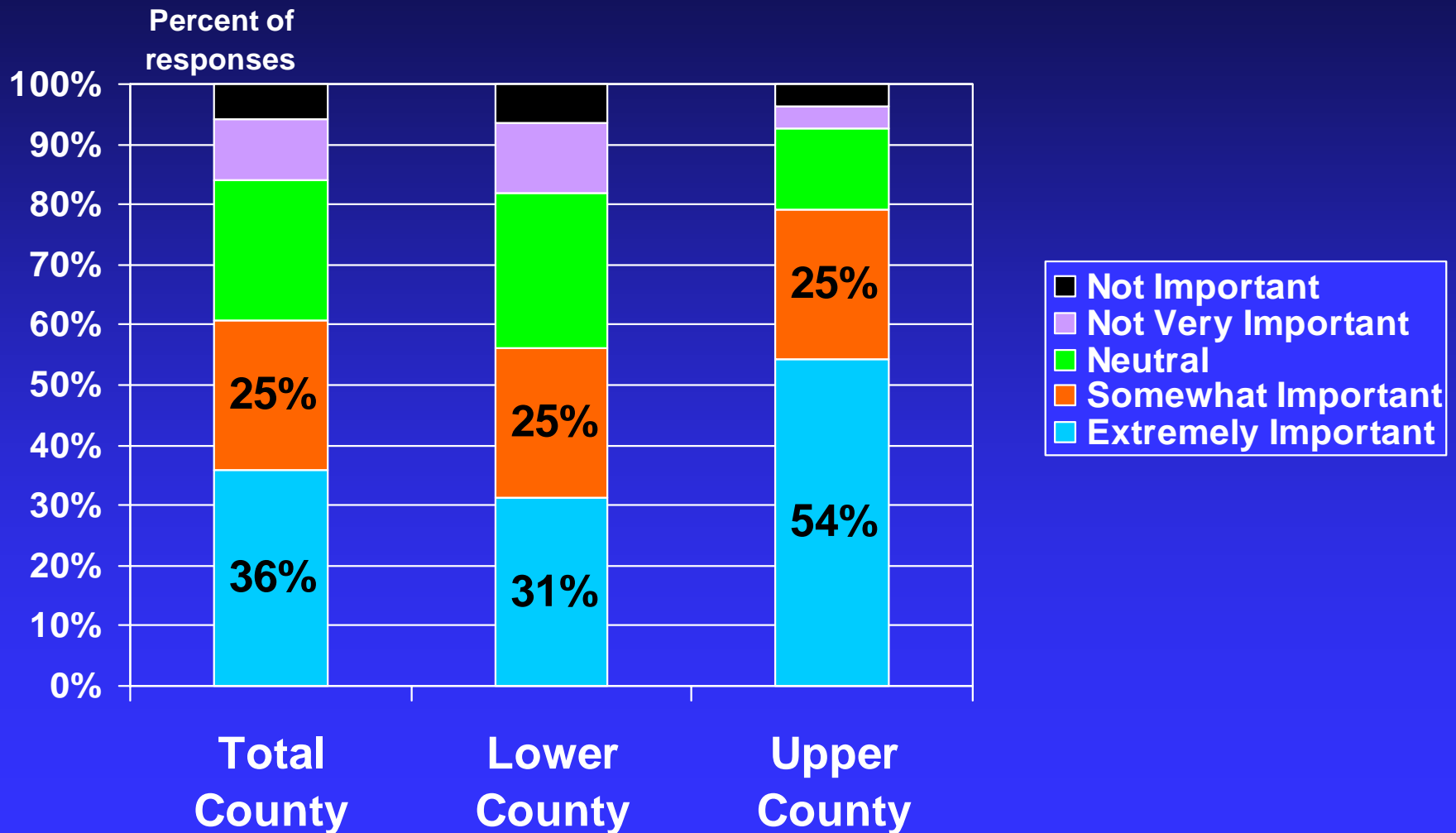
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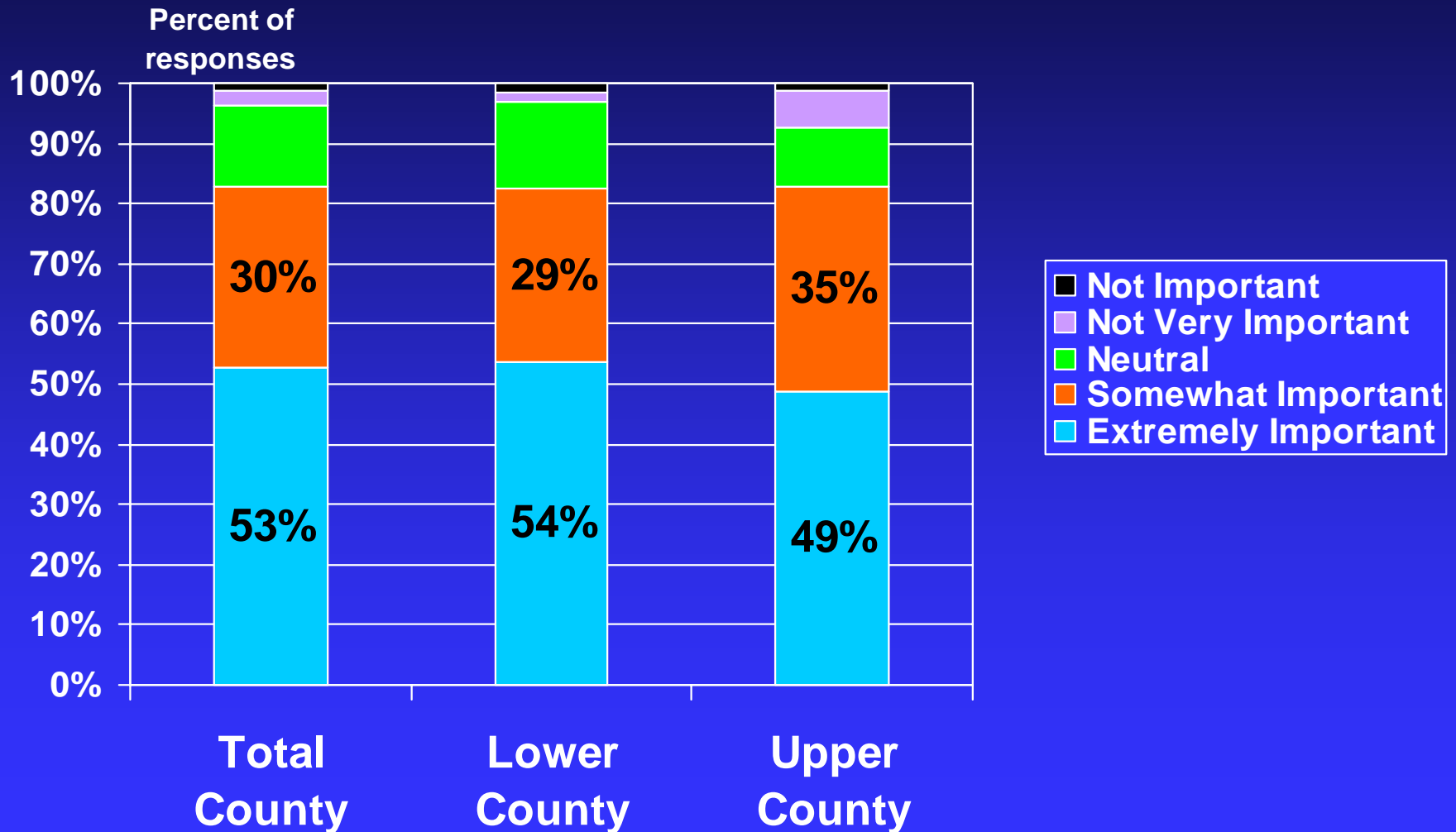
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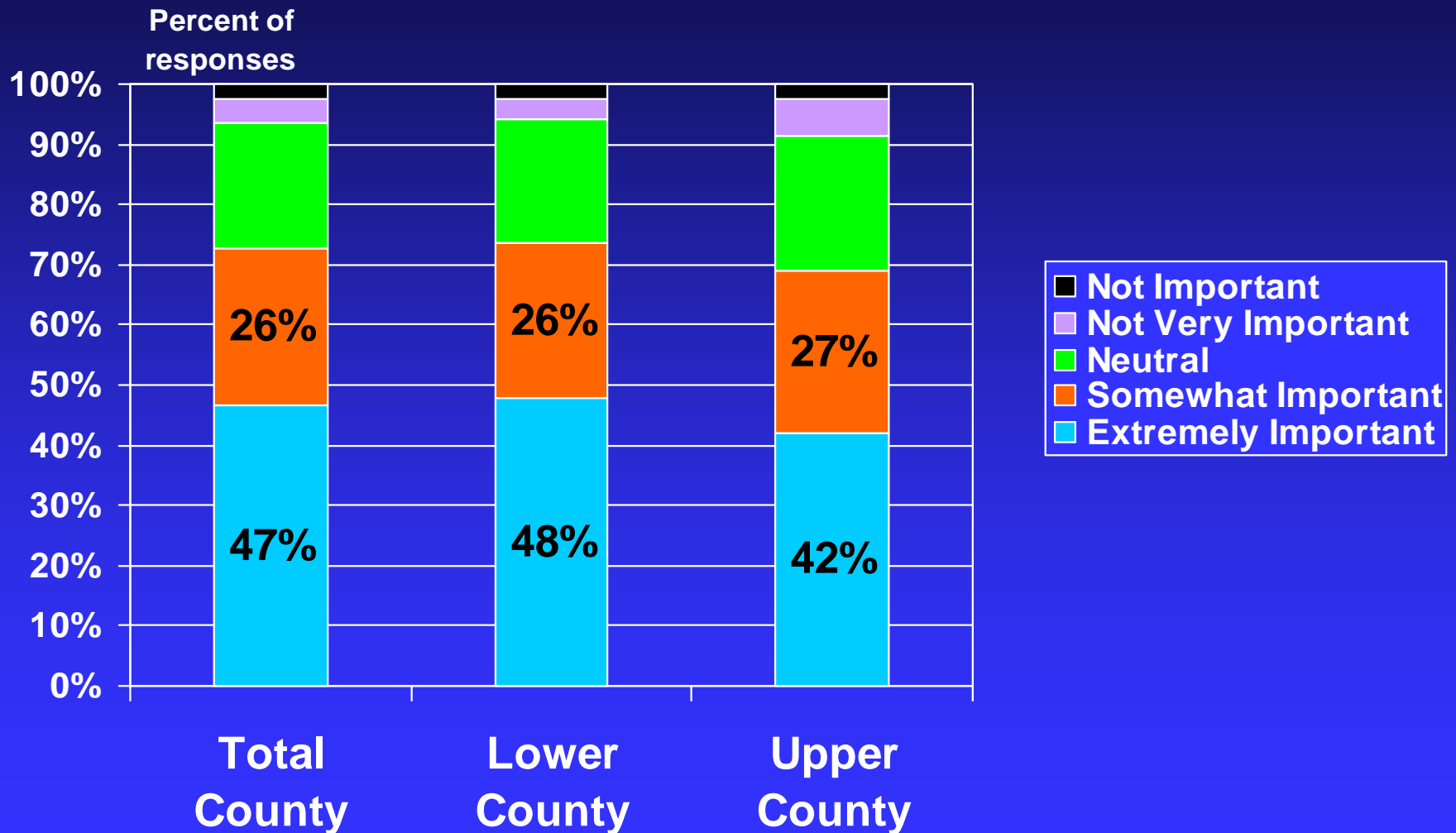
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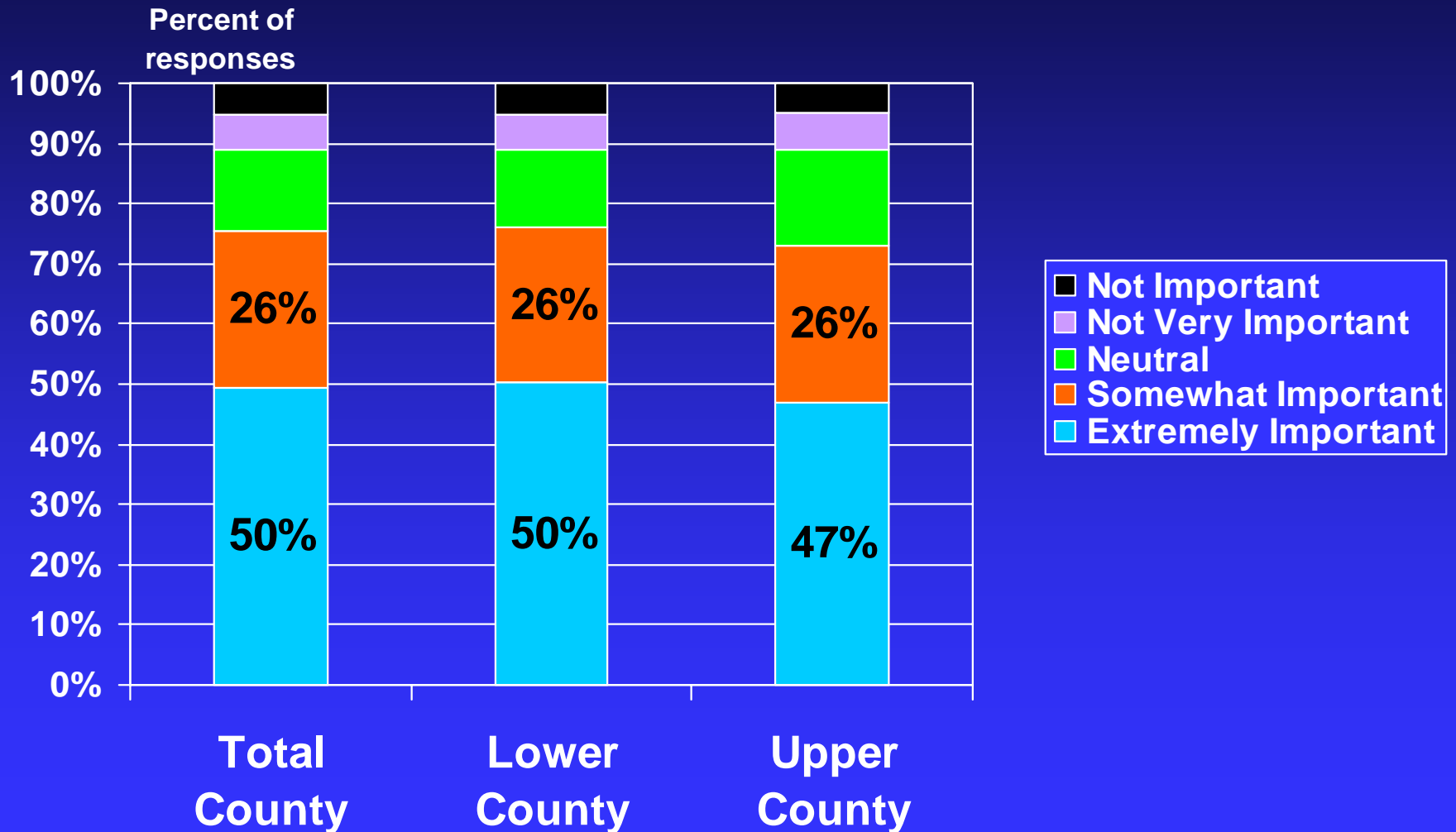
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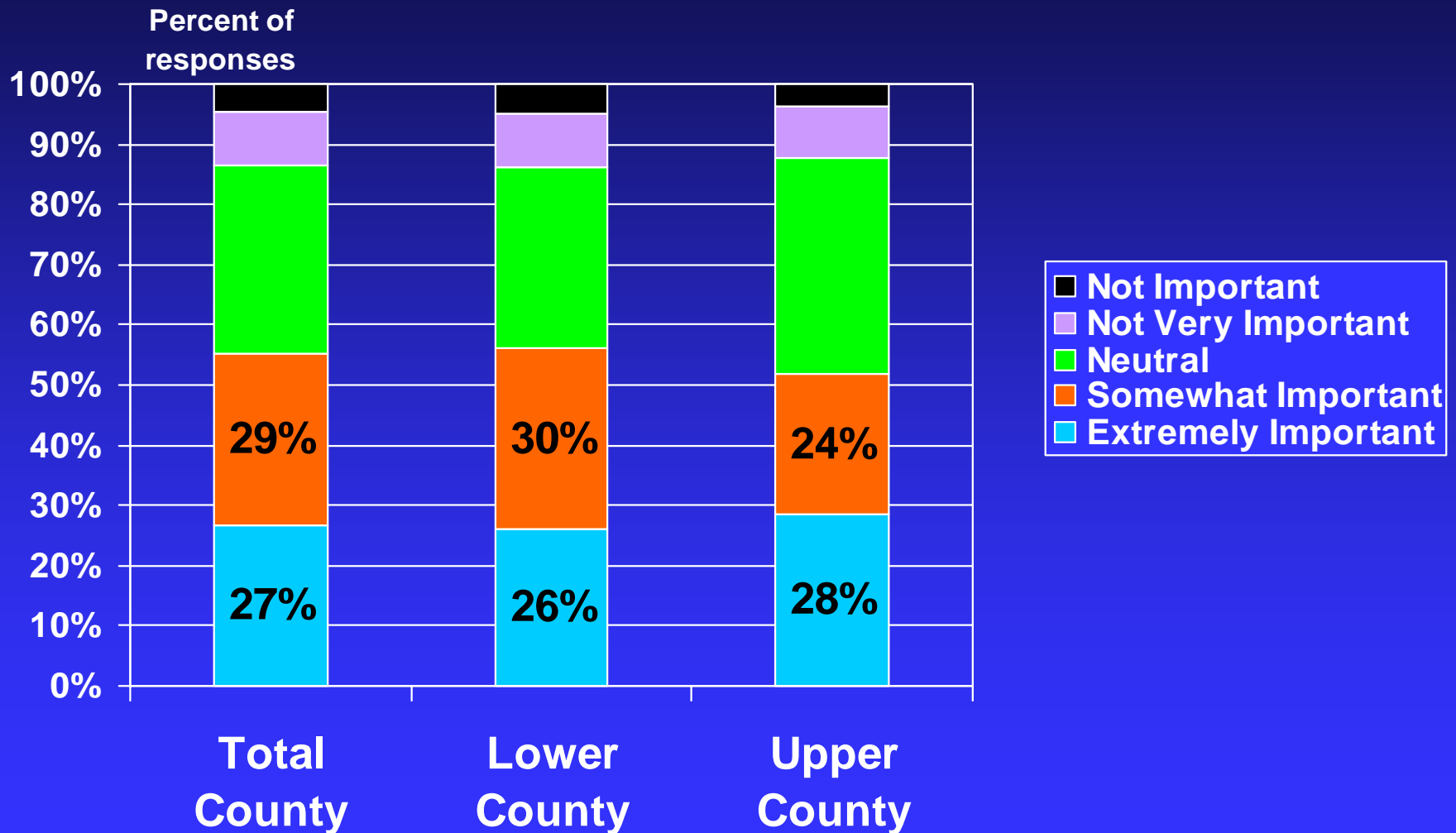
# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to ensure new businesses have landscaping?*



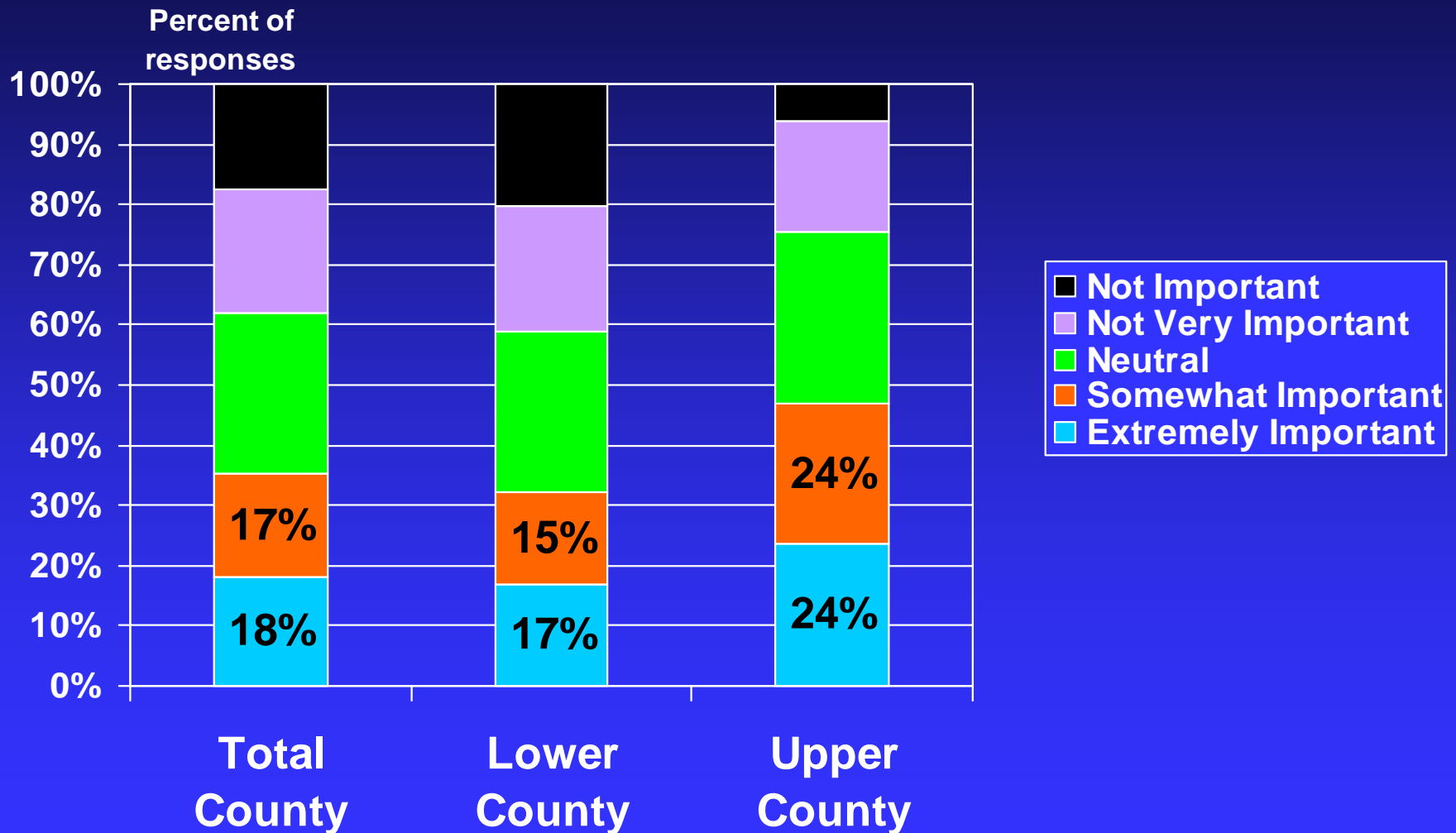
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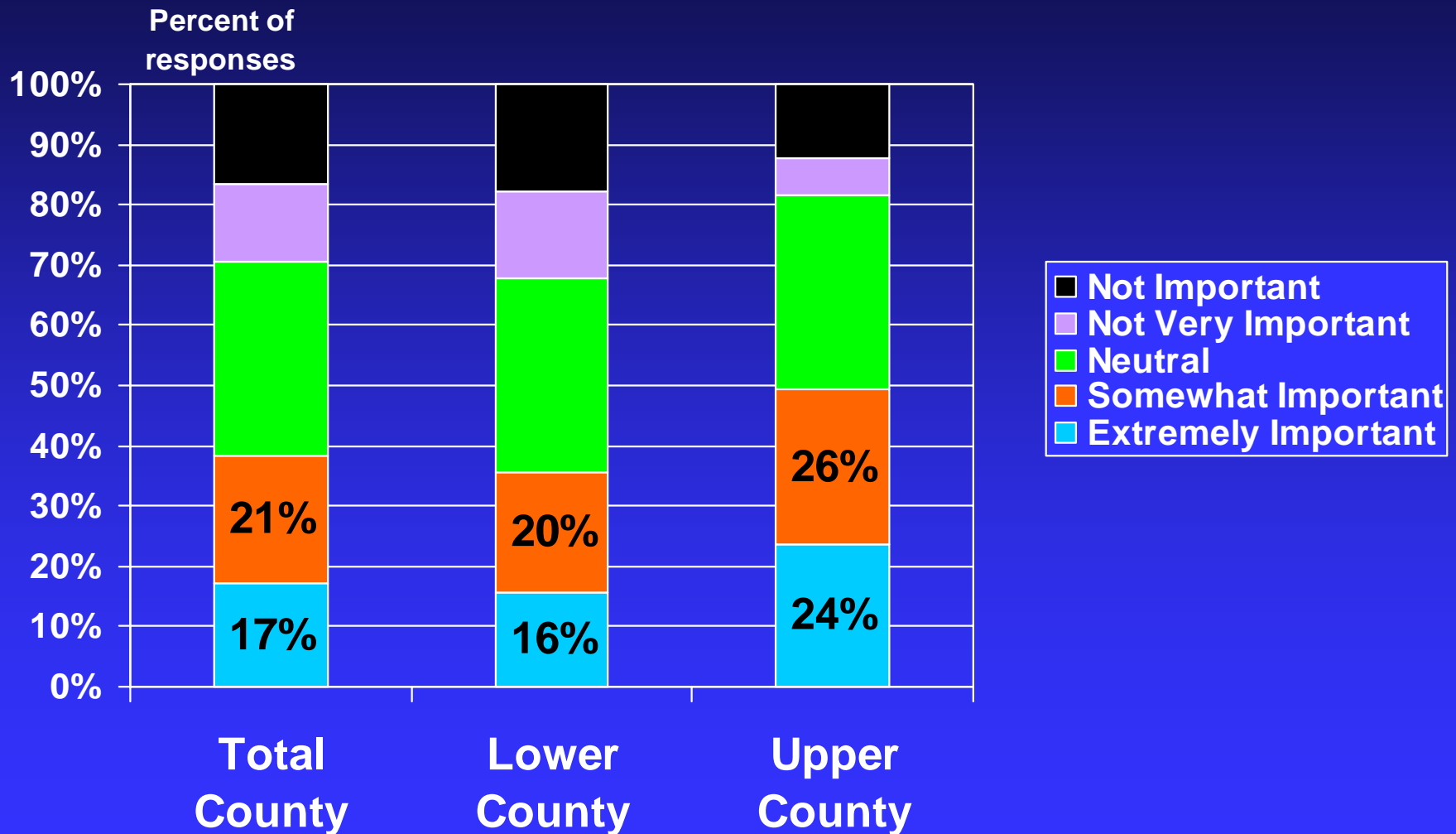


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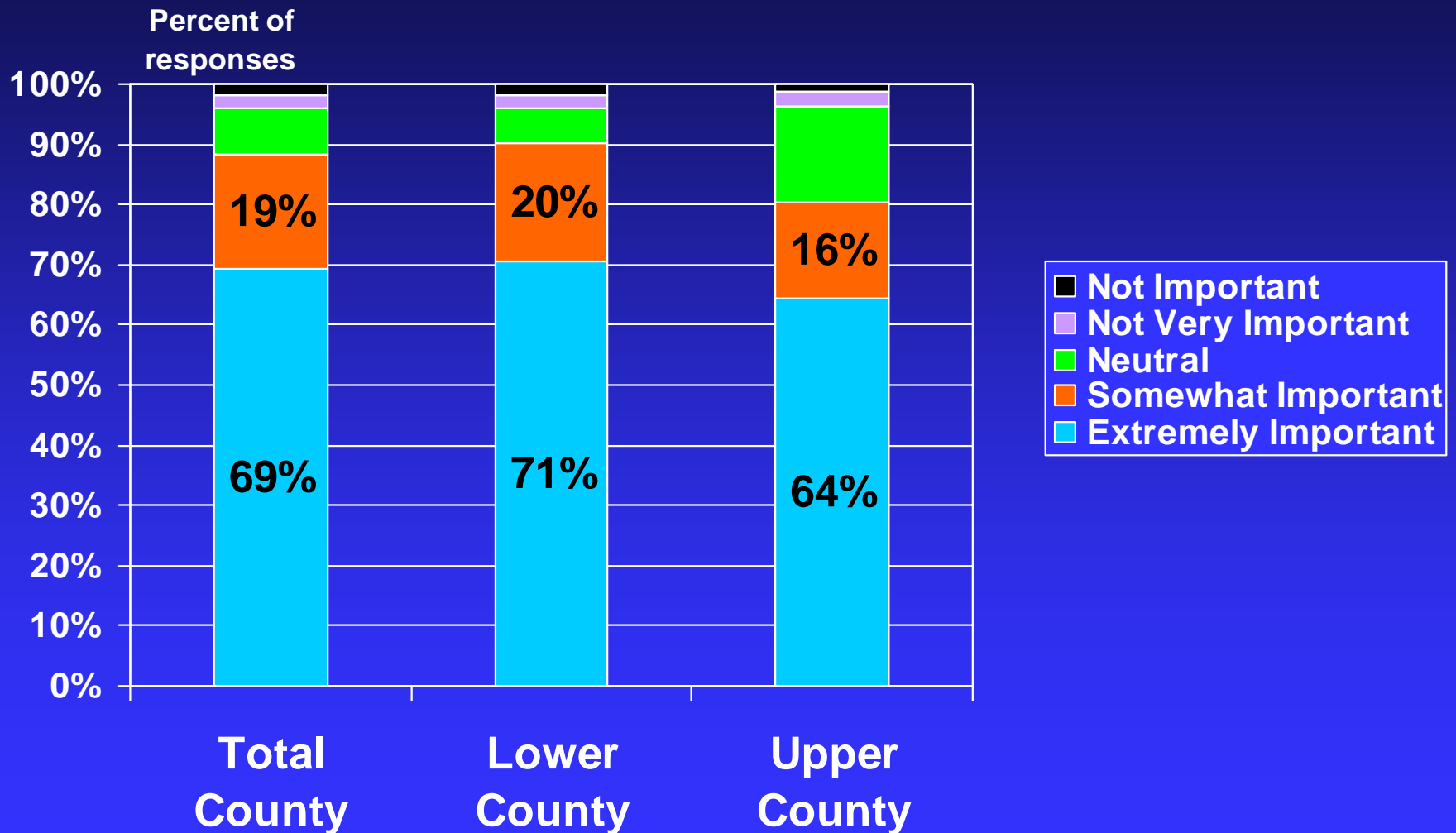




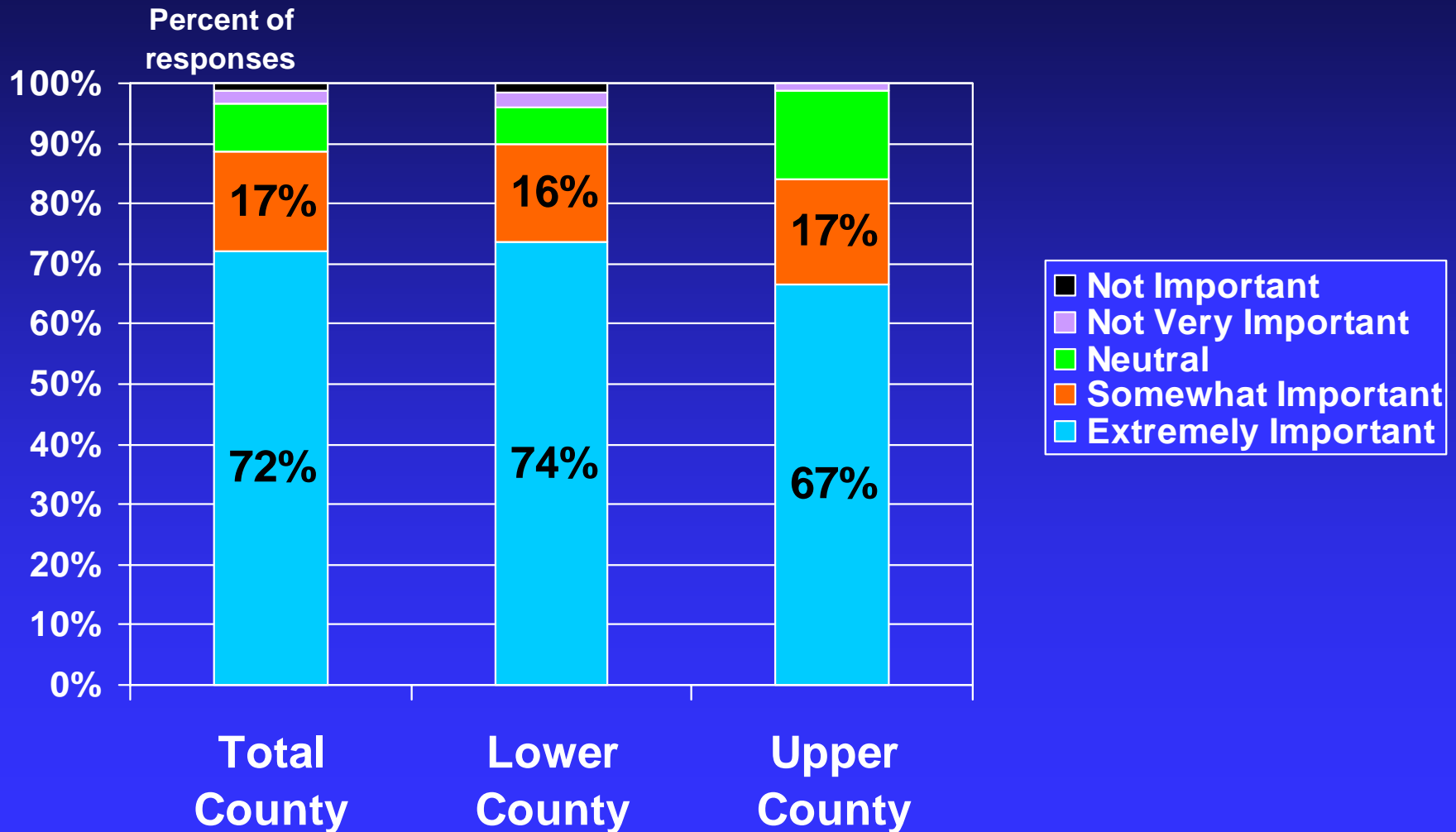
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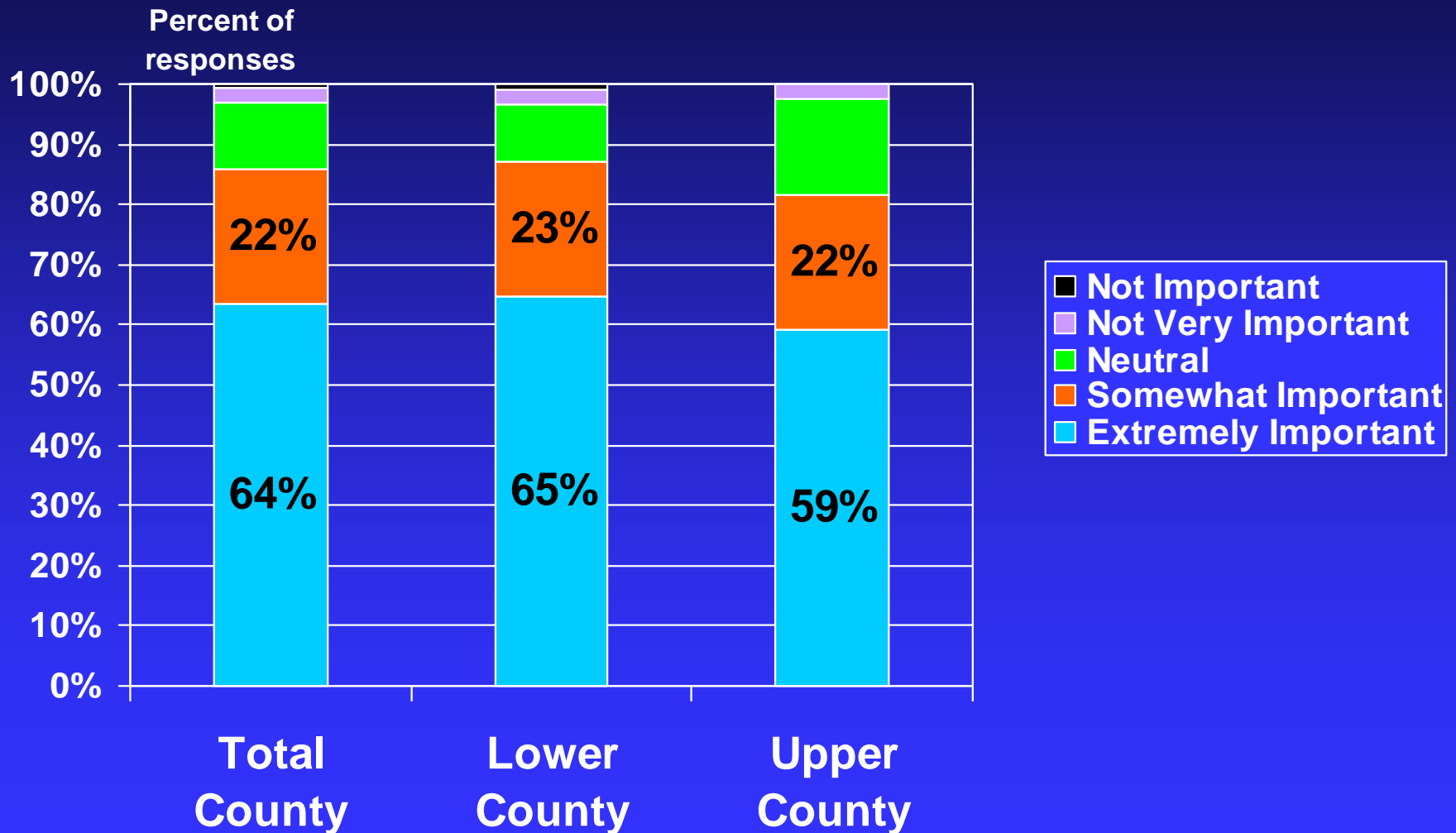
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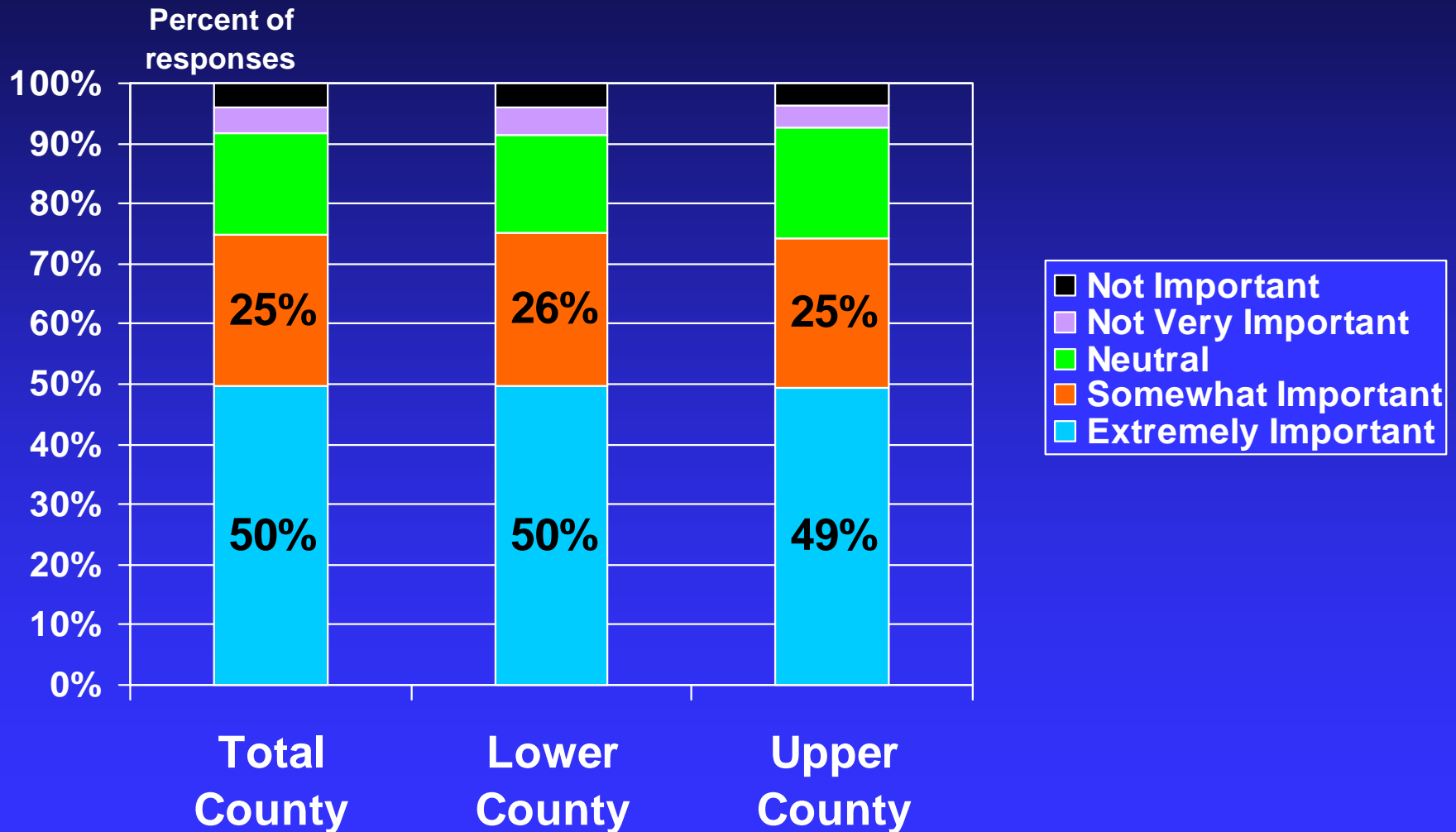
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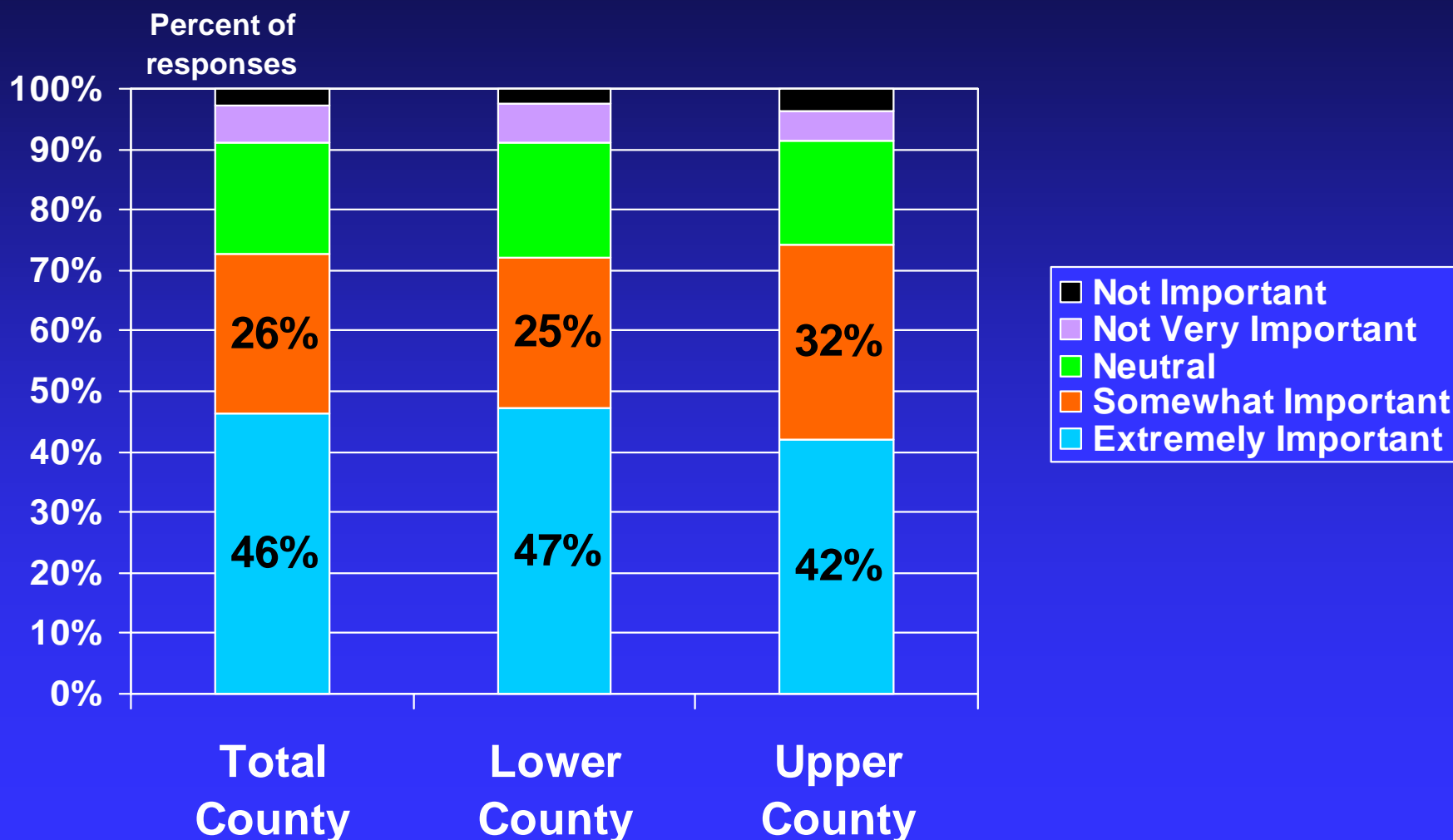
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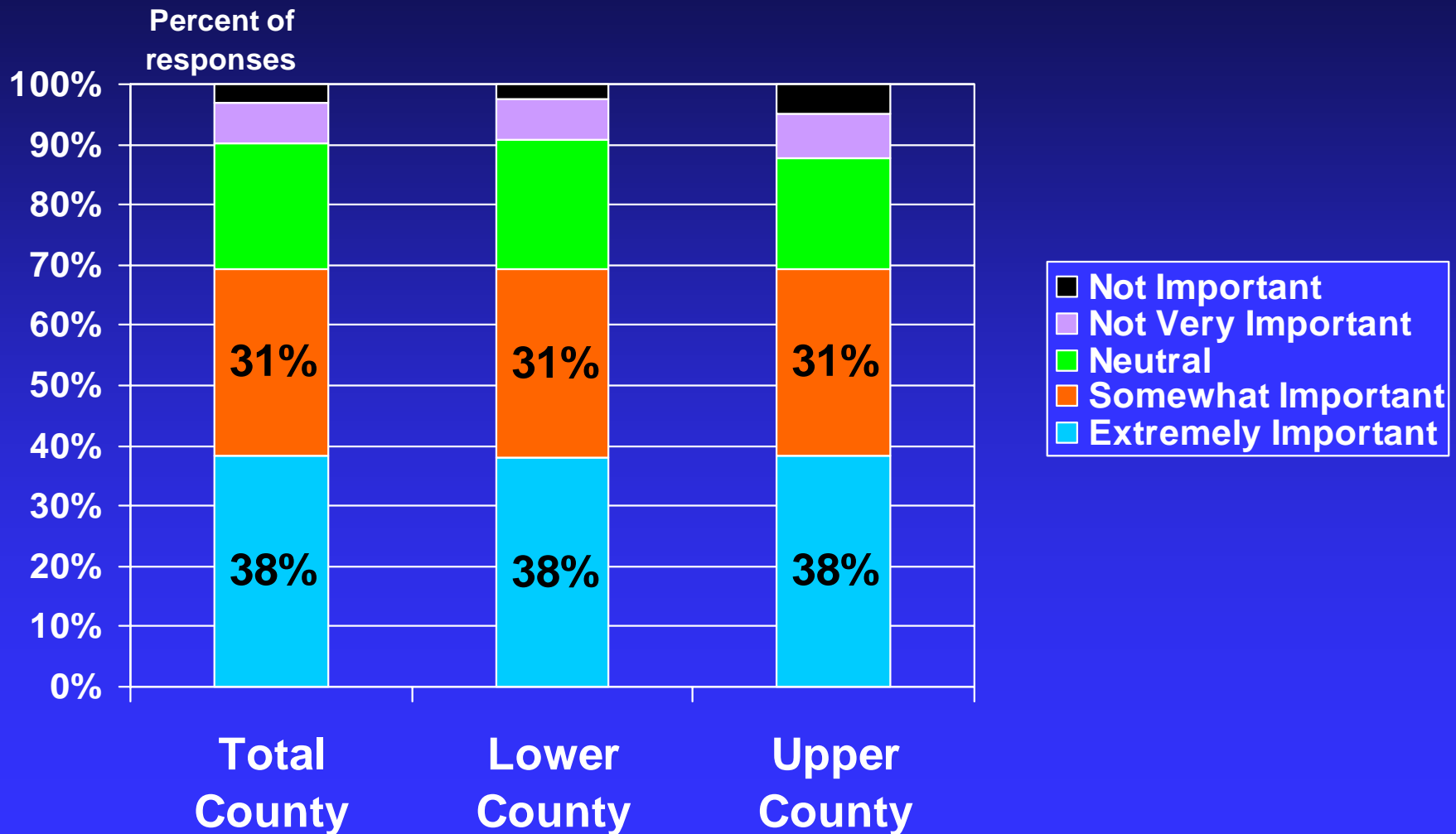
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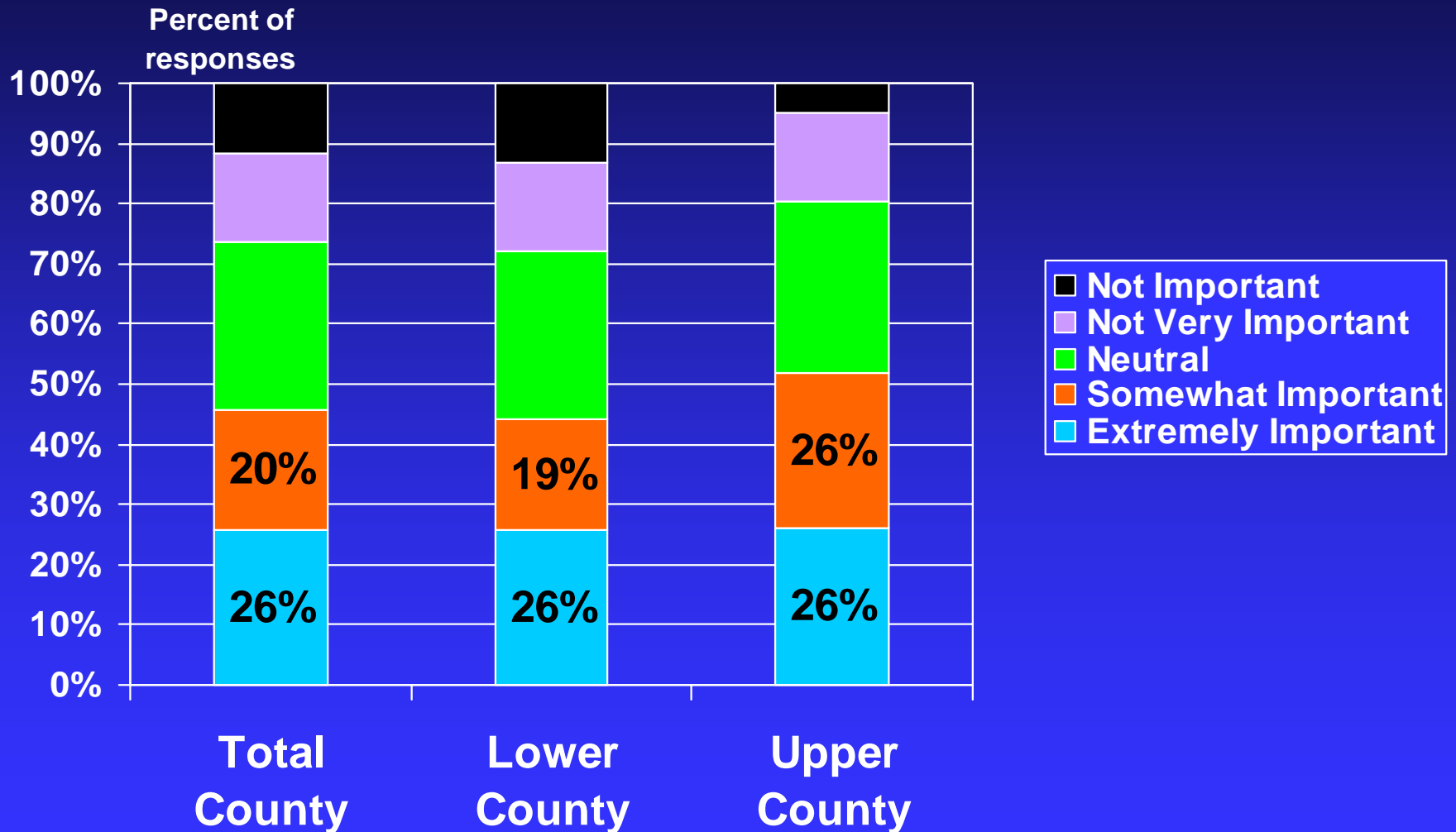
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# *In the next 20 years, how important is it to require businesses along major roads to meet design standards?*

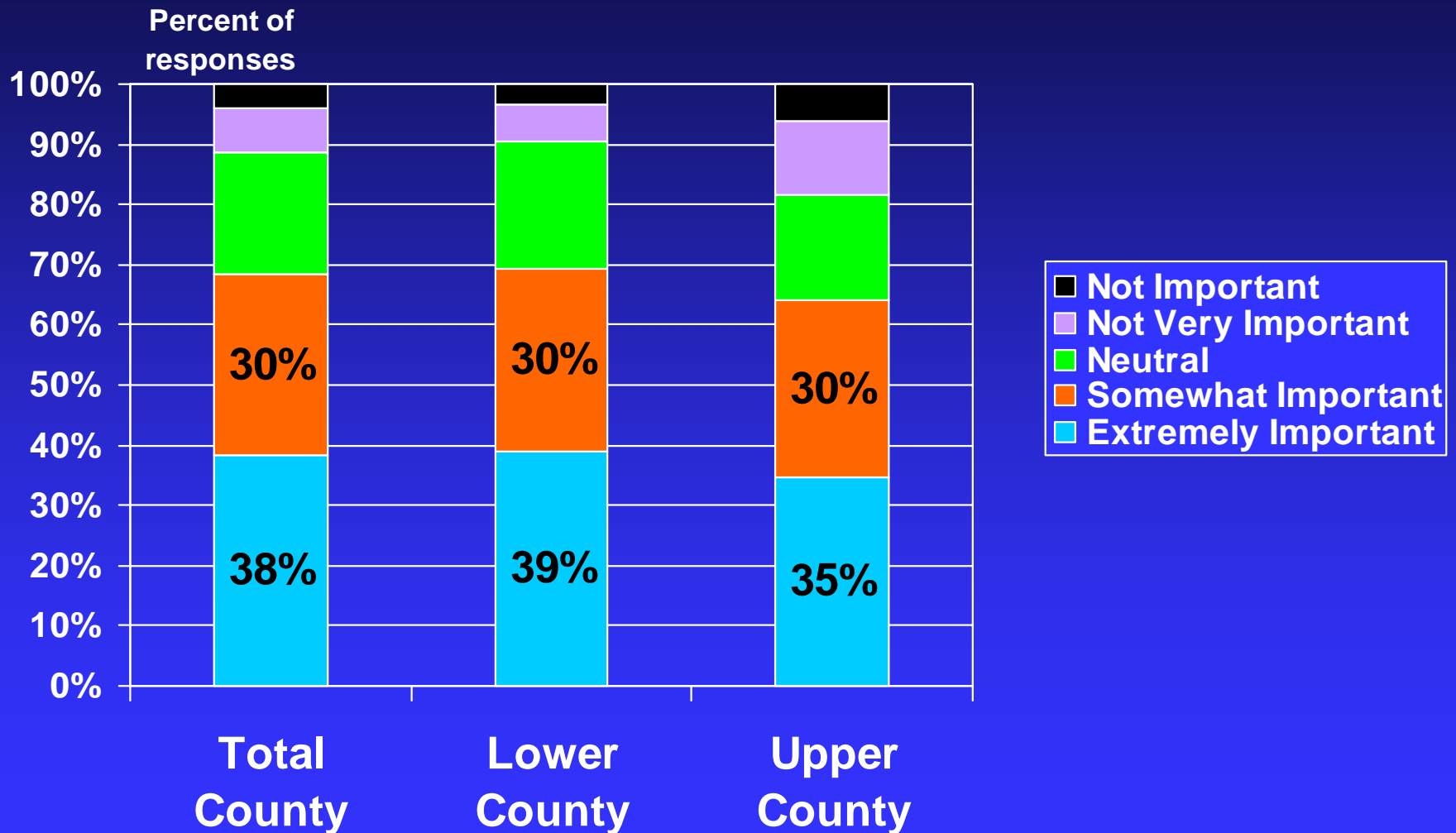


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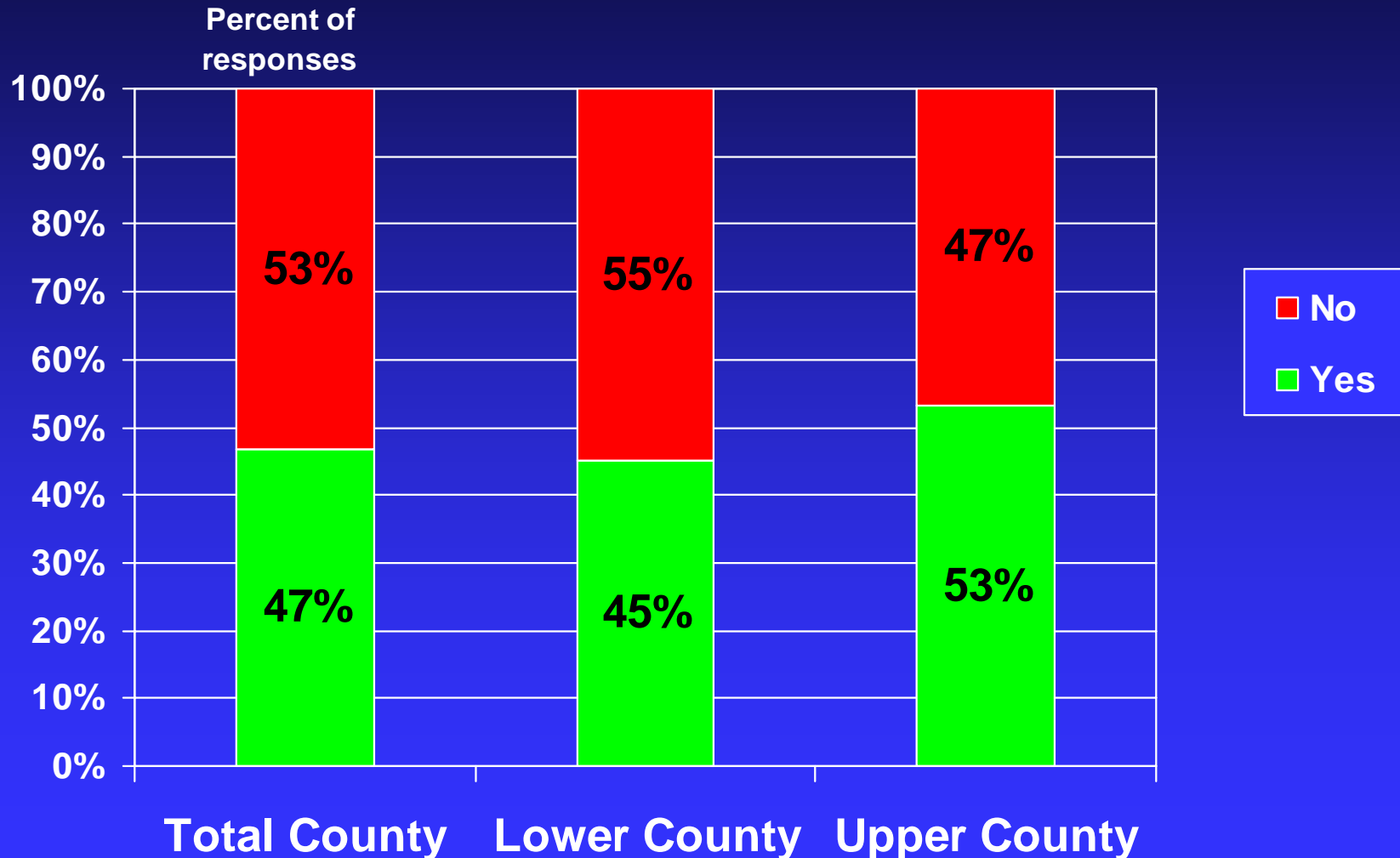




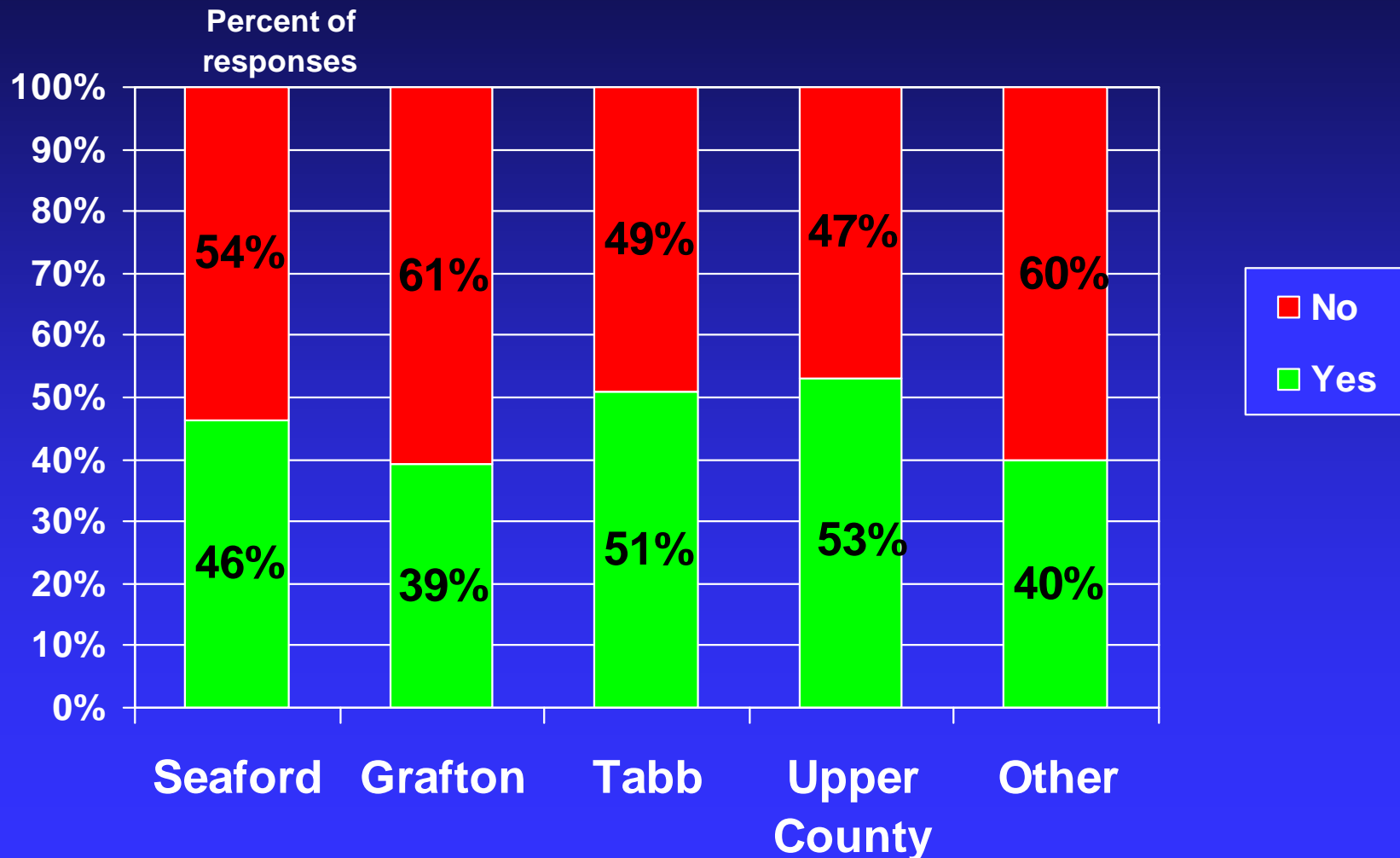
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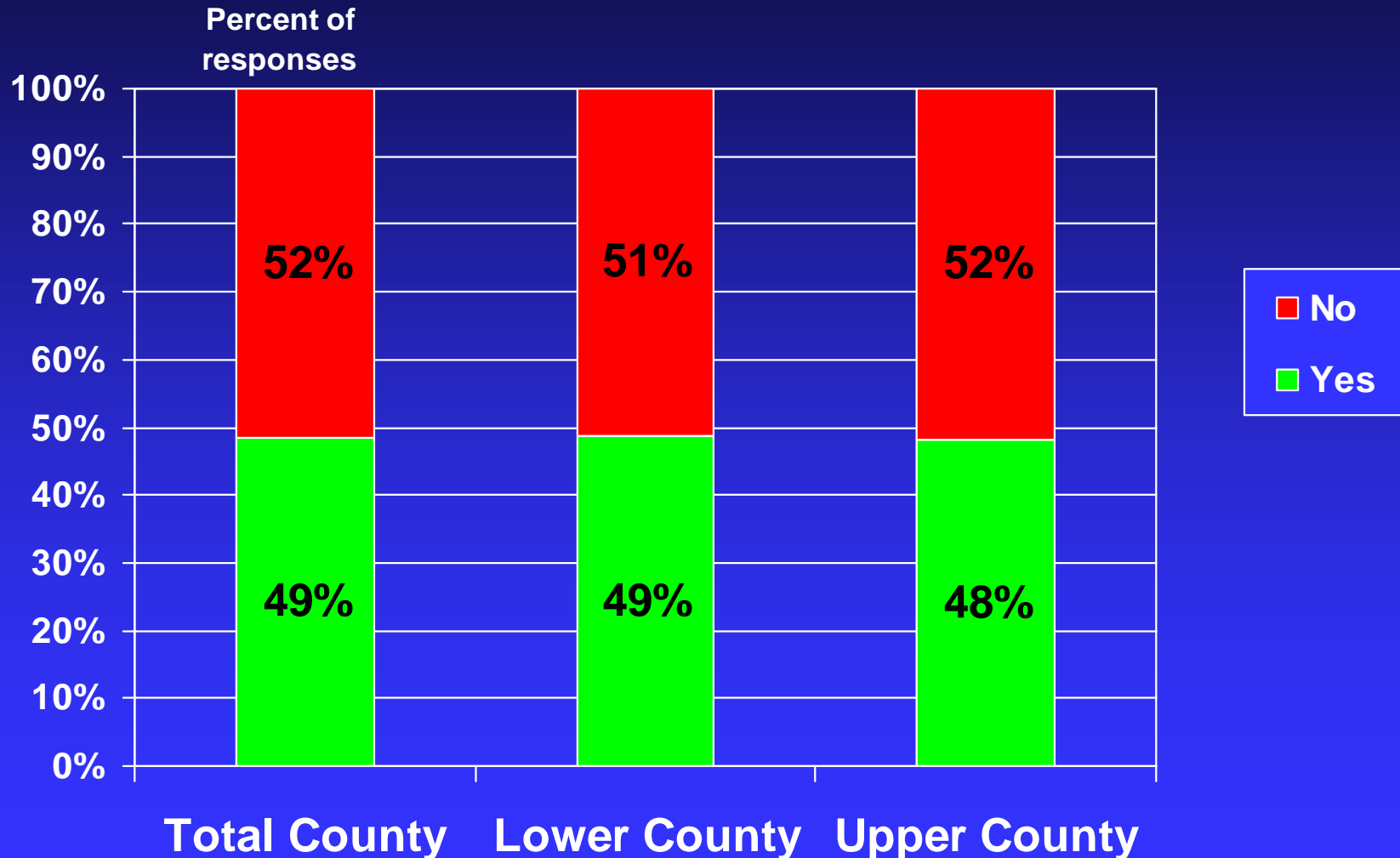
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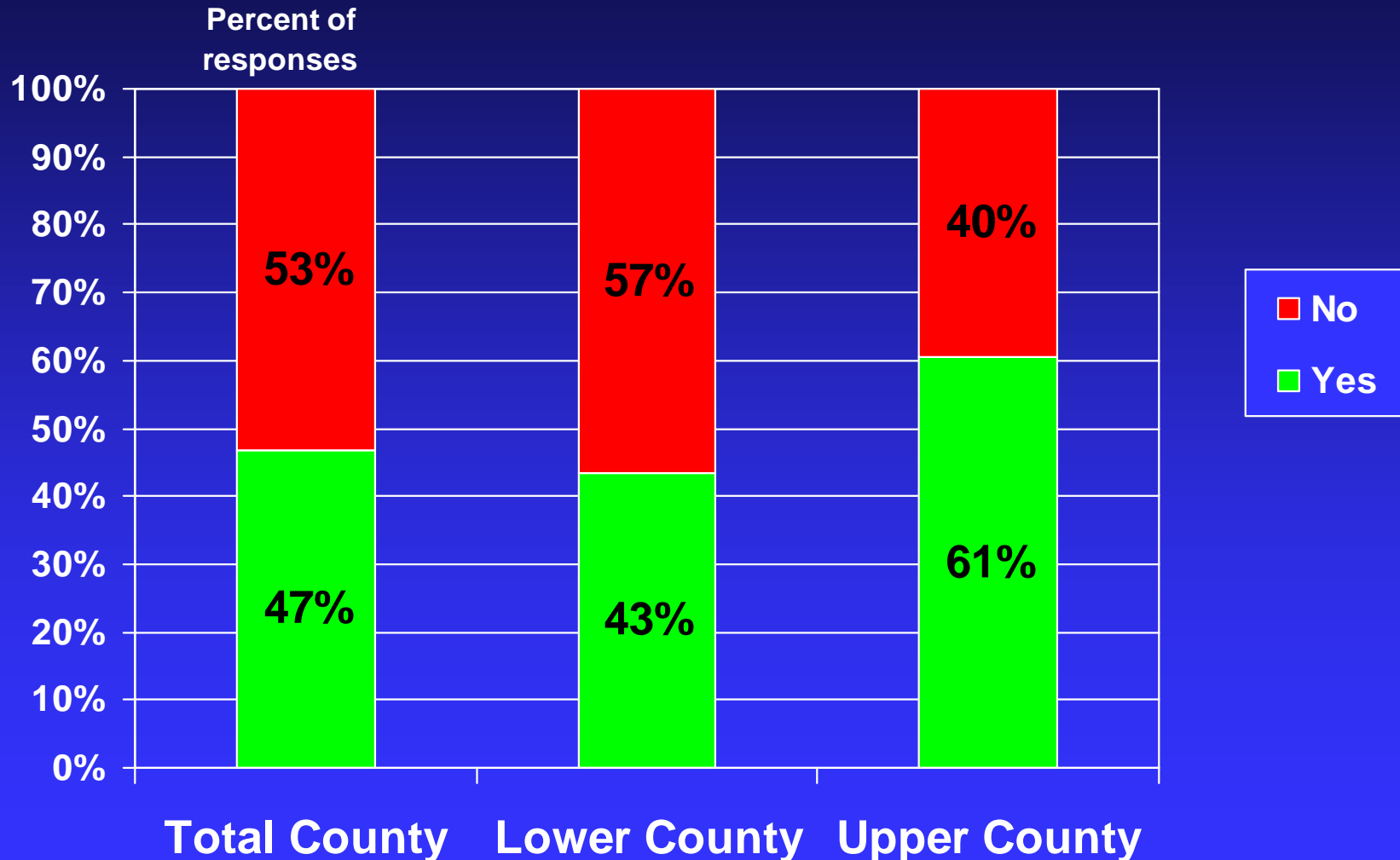
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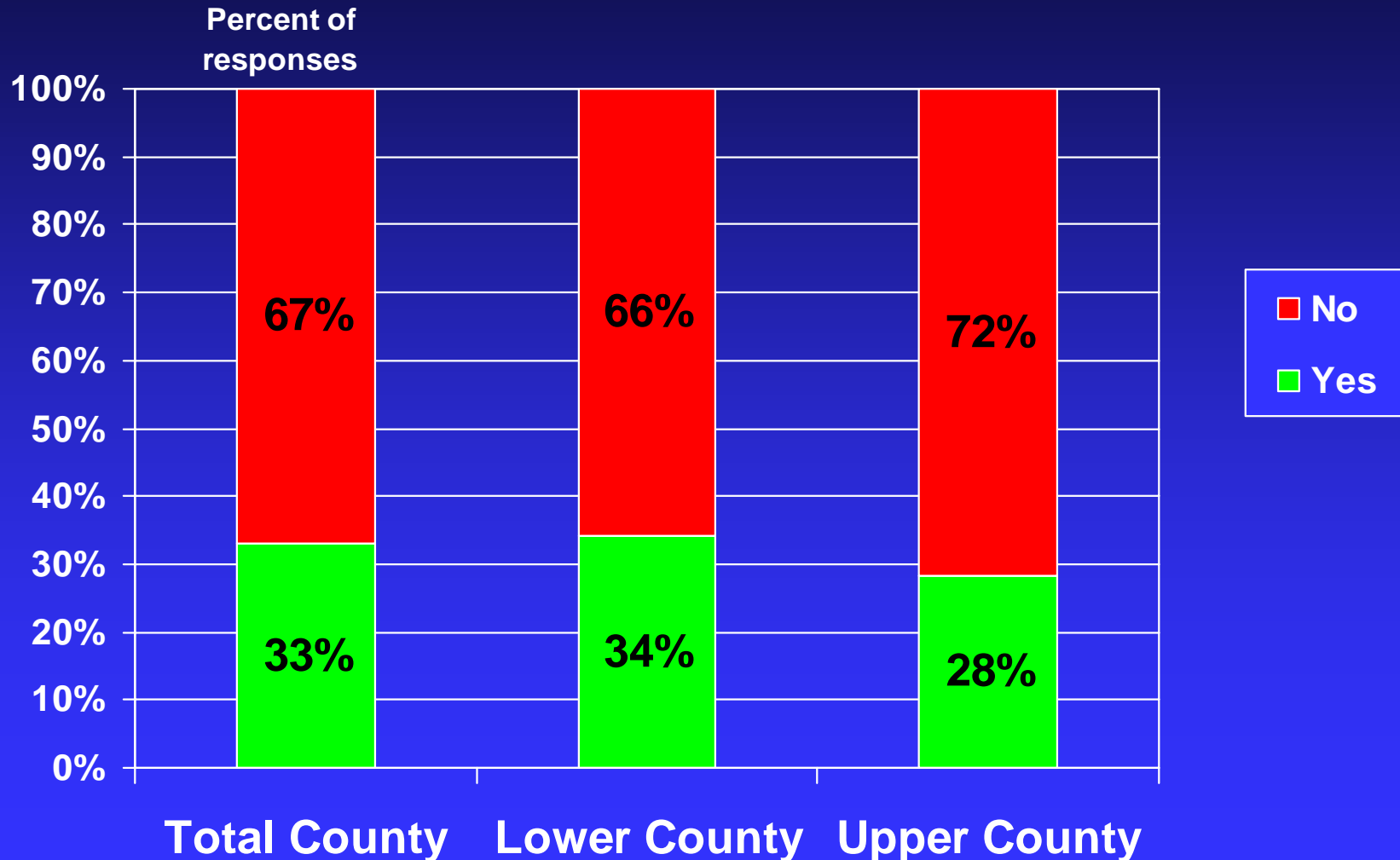
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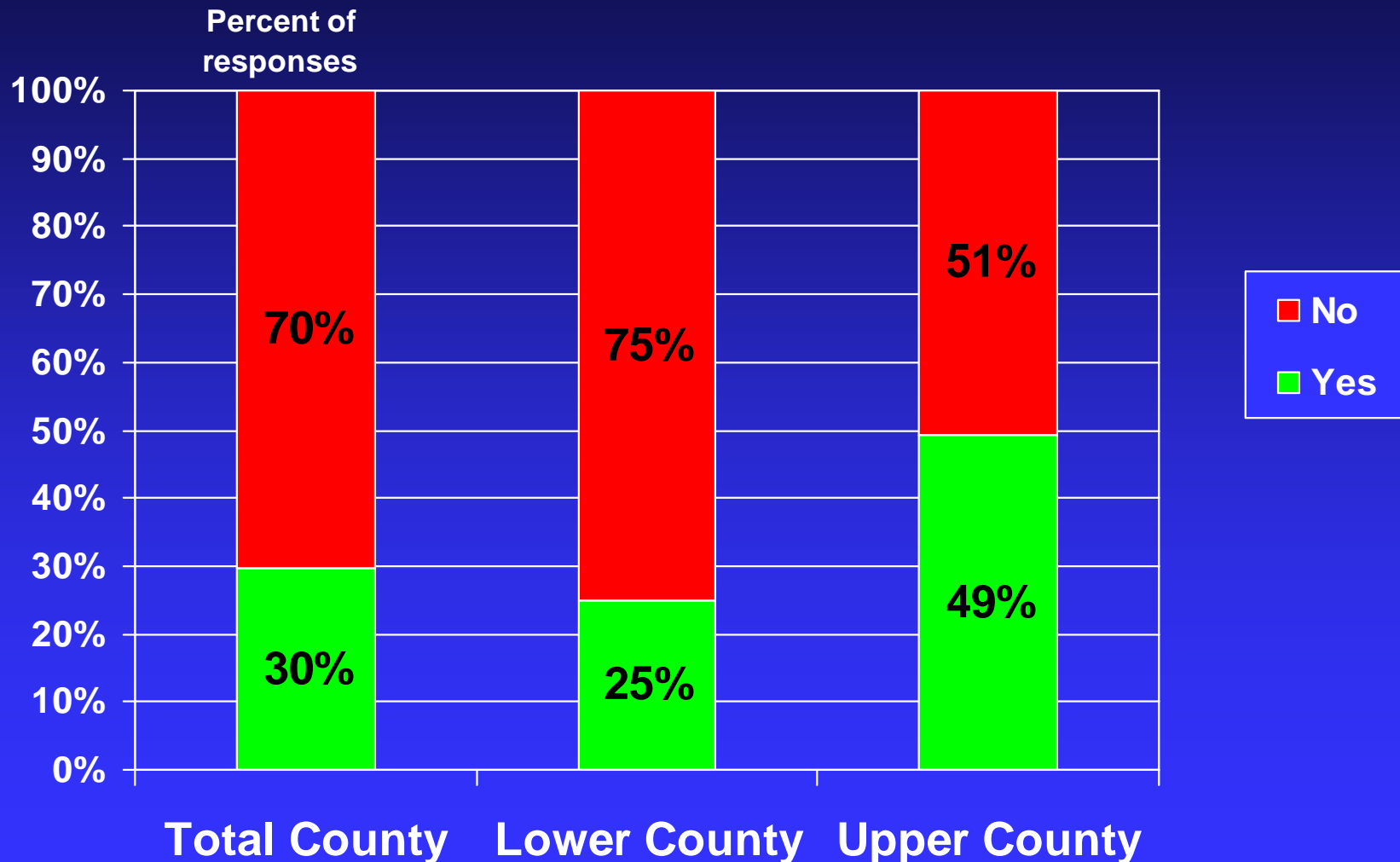
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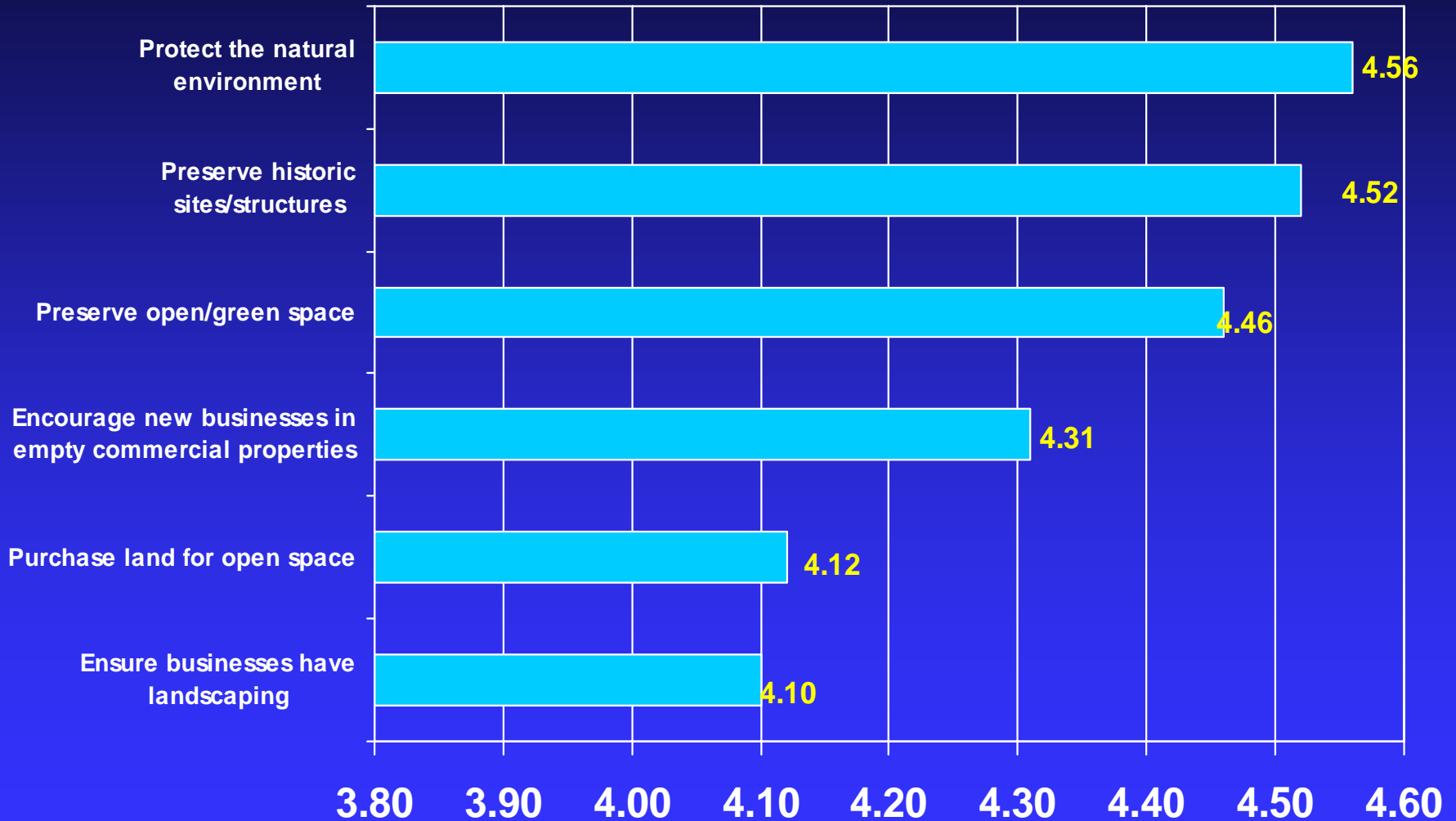
# *Is there enough quality housing for people with below average incomes?*



# *Should more high density neighborhoods be allowed?*

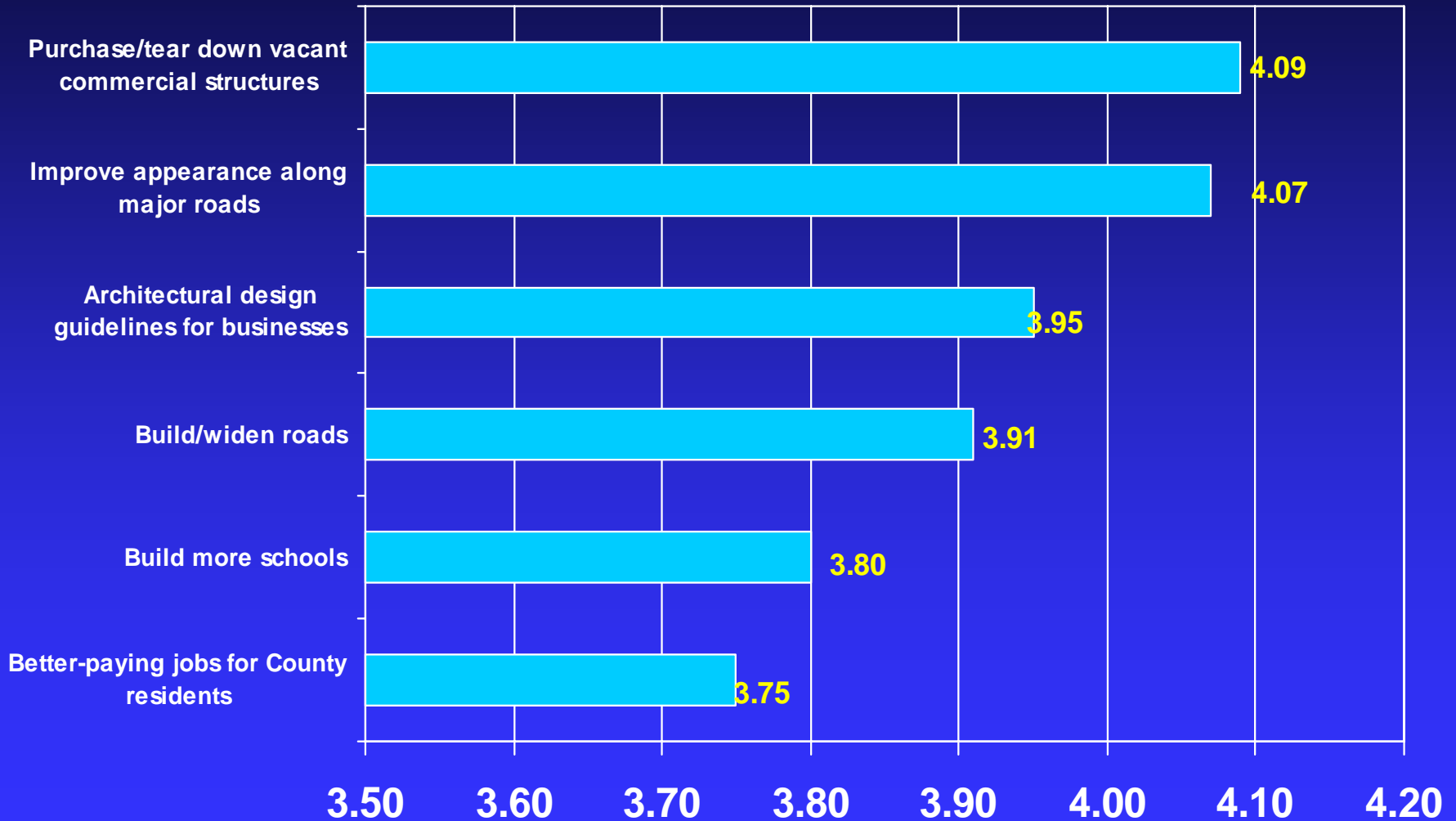


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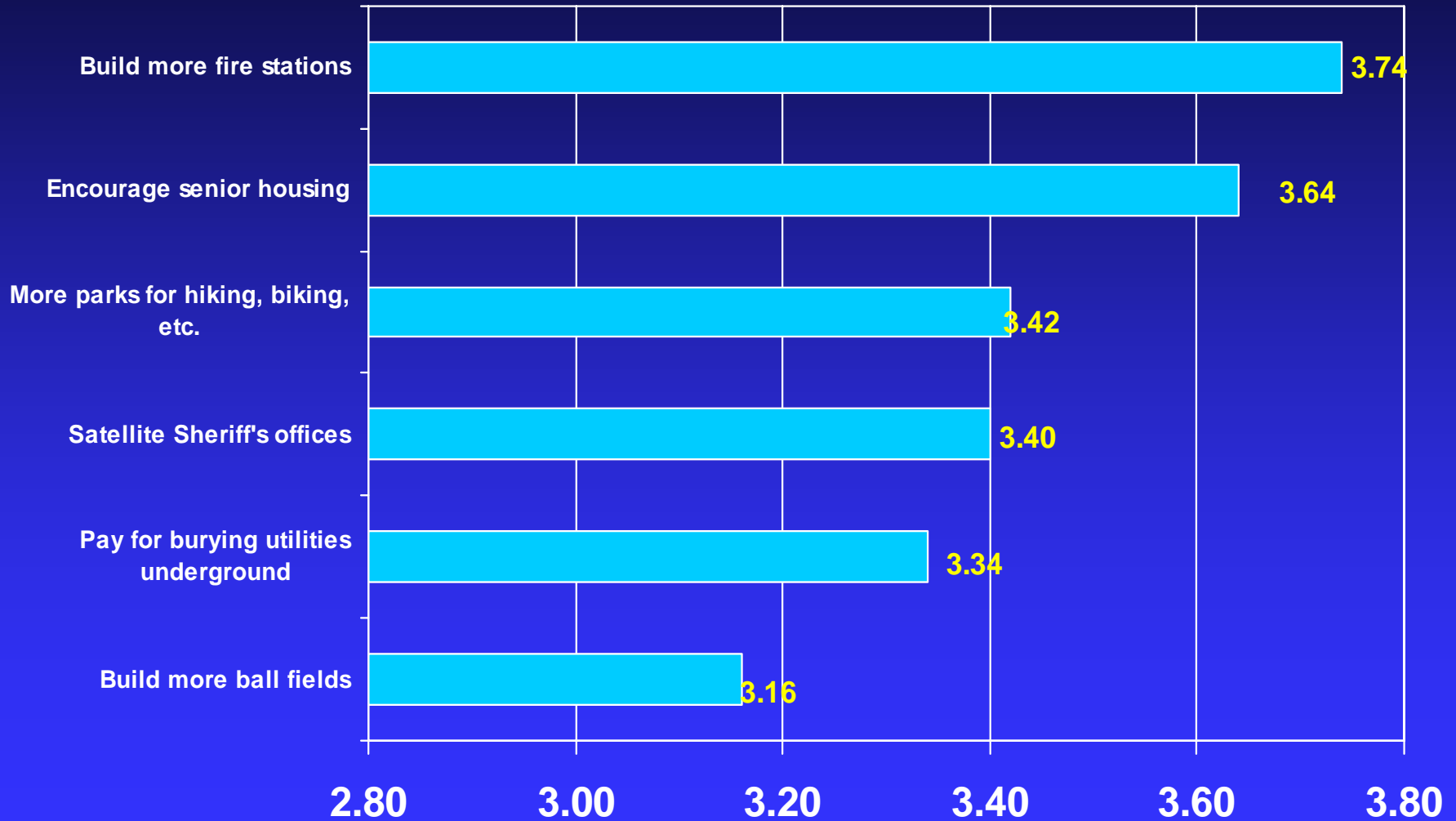




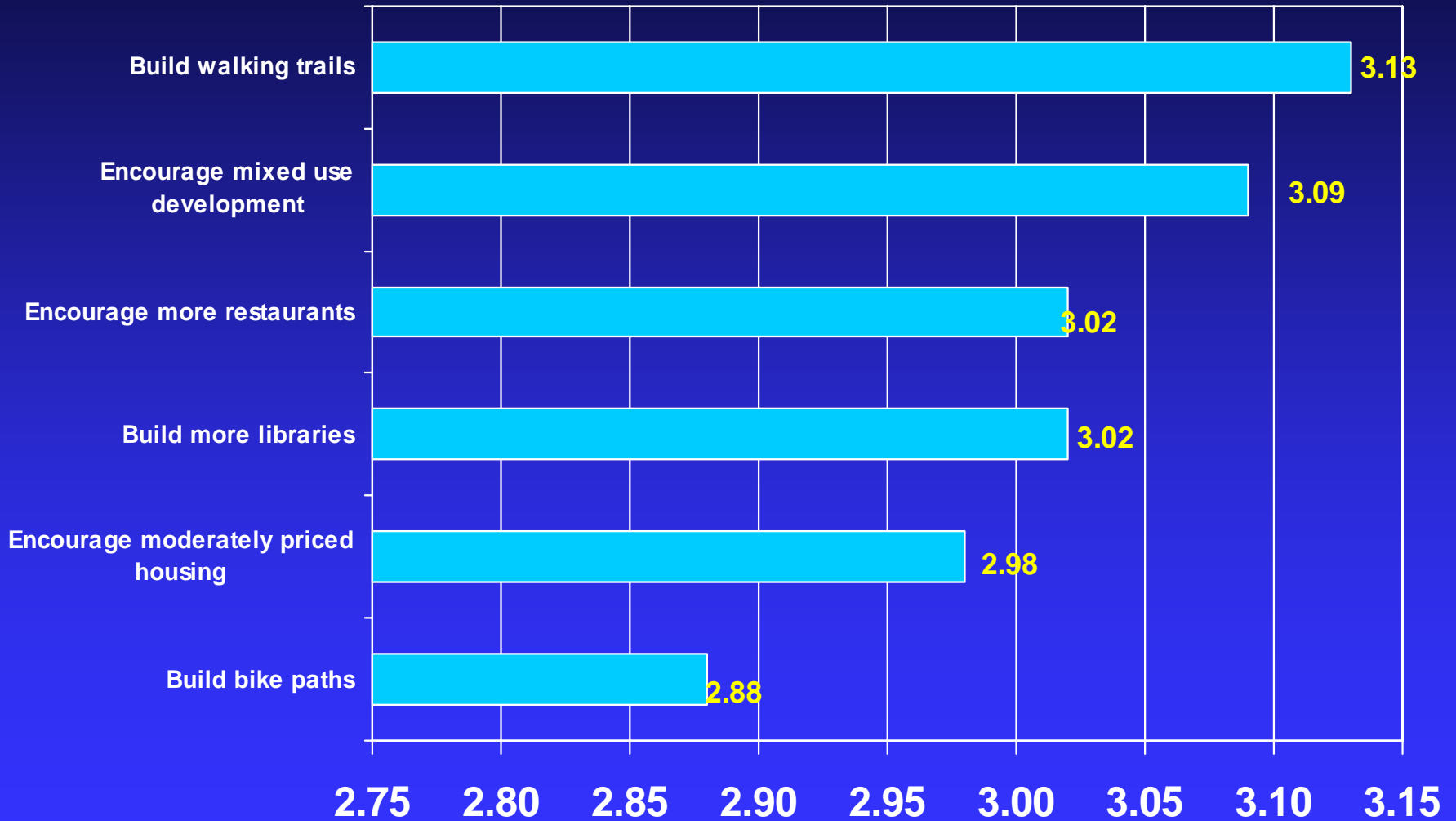
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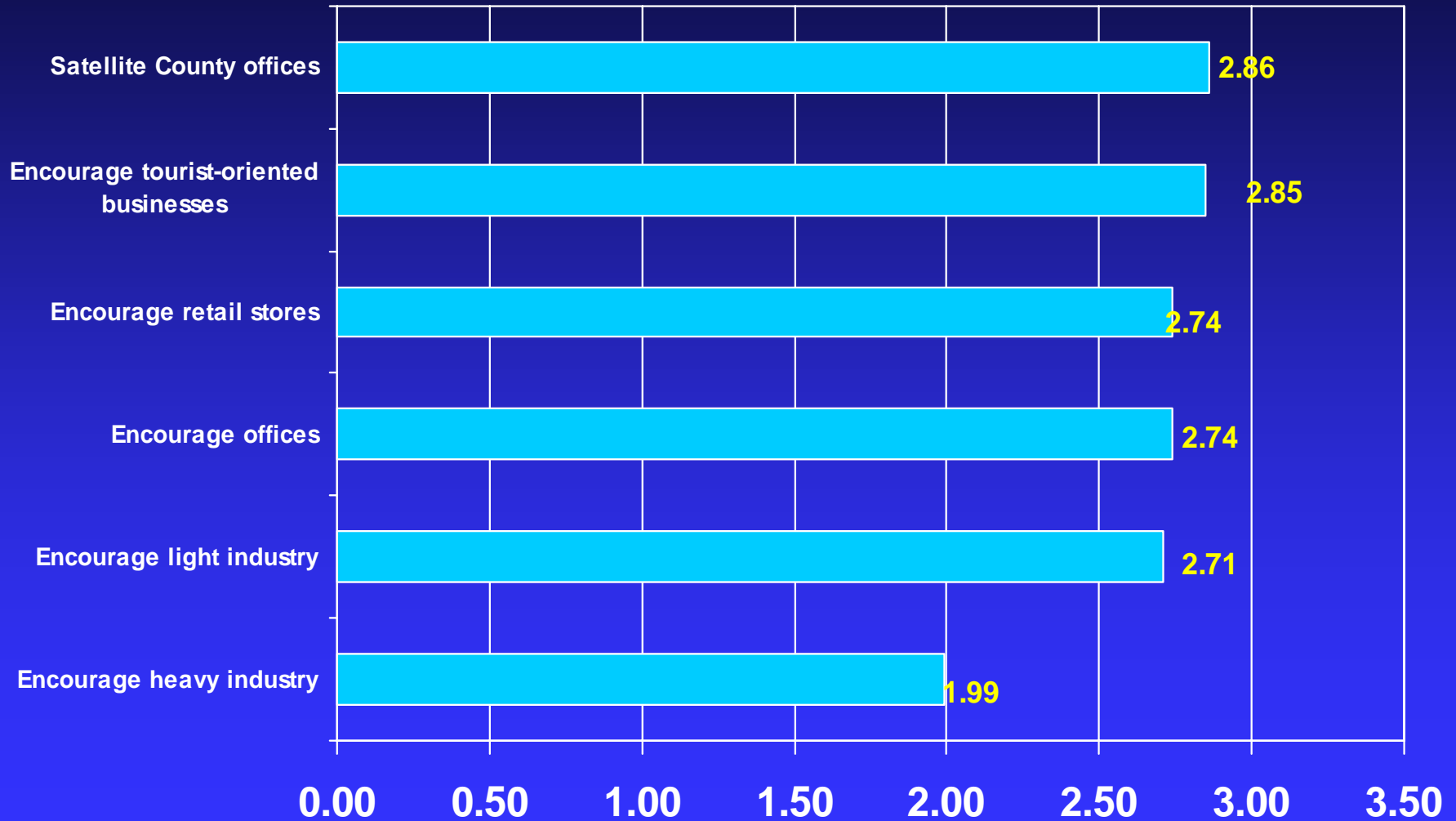
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# *Conclusions*

- York County residents like trees
- Preserving open space is a priority
- Commercial areas should be attractive
- Concerns about growth